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RULES OF ORDER.

1. AFTER the usual opening religious exercises, the Secretary shall read the Minutes of the previous session.

2. No motion shall be entertained by the Conference till such motion shall have been seconded.

3. All motions shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member of the Conference.

4. Every member desiring to speak on any subject before the Conference shall rise and address the President.

5. The member who first rises and addresses the President shall be entitled to the floor.

6. No member shall speak more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak shall have spoken; nor more than fifteen minutes at a time, without leave of the Conference.

7. All questions of order shall be decided by the President, subject to an appeal to the Conference, without debate.

8. When any question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, or to amend; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order; and this, as well as a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

9. If the question before the Conference be capable of division, upon the call of any member, such question shall be divided.

10. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with open doors, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

11. Any question may be reconsidered, on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.

12. If any member call for the previous question, and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, the main question shall then be put.

13. Each committee of the Conference shall choose its own chairman, unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the committee.

14. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference-room punctually at the hour to which the Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without leave of absence.

15. In all practicable cases, when charges are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a committee.

16. No member of Conference shall be subject to arrest of character without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.

17. The vote on any question shall be taken by ayes and noes, upon the call of fifteen members.

I.

ABSTRACT OF THE DAILY JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, Wednesday, September 1, 1875.

THE CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church began its Twenty-fourth Session in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, of this city, this morning at nine o'clock, Bishop E. G. Andrews presiding, and Bishops Ames and Foster being present.

Bishop Andrews read the lesson from the Epistle to the Philippians and the two hundred and thirteenth hymn, after the singing of which Rev. M. Dustin and Dr. M'Cabe led the devotions of the Conference in prayers. The Conference then united in singing the five hundred and twenty-fourth and the two hundred and sixty-ninth hymns.

The sacrament of the Lord's-supper was then administered to the ministry and laity present.

The Secretary of the last session called the roll of the Conference, and one hundred and twenty members responded to their names.

W. H. Sutherland, Secretary; D. J. Starr, Assistant Secretary; A. M. Griffith, Recording Secretary; F. G. Mitchell, Statistical Secretary; R. E. Smith, Assistant Statistical Secretary; and W. J. Quarry, Secretary of Railroad Passes, were elected.

The Bishop announced the transfer of E. A. Higgins from the New England to the Cincinnati Conference, and he was introduced.

The time of the daily session was fixed as follows: Conference to open at eight o'clock, and close at a quarter before twelve o'clock A. M., the first forty-five minutes being for devotional services.

The Rules of Order of the last session were adopted.

The Committee appointed at the last session to nominate the Standing Committees reported, and the Committees were constituted as follows:

On Missions—The Presiding Elders.

On Education—D. H. Moore, C. H. Payne, Wm. Herr, D. J. Starr, L. F. Van Cleve, J. P. Porter, W. L. Hypes.

On Temperance—T. Collett, J. Stephenson, Wm. Fitzgerald, J. F. Loyd, J. R. Hunter, G. T. Weaver.

On Parsonages—G. M. Edgar, J. M. Robinson, E. M. Cole, F. Hypes, M. Kauffman, W. H. Black.

On Church Statistics—W. B. Moler, W. Mahon, D. D. Cheney, S. N. Marsh, W. N. Brodbeck, C. F. Gowdy.

On Periodicals—D. Whitmer, H. M. Keck, M. A. Richards, J. F. Marlay, A. Lowrey, E. T. Wells.

On Post-offices—N. Prince, J. F. Hull, A. D. Raleigh, C. J. Wells, J. P. Shultz, D. L. Aultman.

On New York Accounts—J. Verity.

On American Bible Society—S. Bennett, F. S. Davis, S. A. Brewster, H. Stokes, S. W. Edmiston, and W. J. Quarry.

On Tract Cause—J. C. Boltin, T. D. W. Peak, T. E. Fiddler, J. H. Middleton, W. T. M'Mullen, and C. H. Lawton.

On Sunday-school Cause—J. B. Ellsworth, E. Burdsall, D. L. Hayward, J. L. Gregg. *Laymen*—C. H. Wolff, A. Coffman, W. S. Marshall, J. W. Gunn, Captain Barrett, W. L. Mockbe.

On Freedmen's Aid Society—S. F. Conrey, J. C. Ambrose, Henry Miller, Wm. Runyan, Wm. Young, and F. M. Clemans.

On Church Extension—J. M'K. Shultz, M. P. Zink, C. Ferguson, E. M'Hugh, G. H. Kennedy, and A. W. Tibbits.

On Finance—E. C. Smith, G. W. Kelley, A. N. Spahr, S. W. Carey, J. W. Mason, L. F. Young. *Laymen*—J. Chambers, J. F. Larkin, W. Warnock, J. C. Thompson, J. M'Math, W. Gamble.

Conference Stewards—T. J. Harris, G. H. Dart, T. H. Pearne, W. N. Williams, J. S. Whitney, S. Bennett, W. Runyan, W. Q. Shannon. *Laymen*—Thos. Brown, Abner Curl, Wm. Meek, P. S. Moore, J. C. Brooke, J. Cochnower.

On Observance of Sabbath—R. K. Deem, W. A. Robinson, J. Vance, J. M. Walden, W. M. Boyer, A. B. Leonard.

On Memoirs—J. N. Irvin, S. N. Marsh, R. K. Deem, E. C. Smith, G. C. Crum, R. E. Smith, S. B. Smith, J. F. Loyd.

On Public Worship—D. H. Moore, C. H. Payne, W. I. Fee, A. N. Spahr, and T. Collett.

On Publication of Conference Minutes—S. B. Smith, D. J. Starr, T. Lee, and D. H. Moore.

Postmaster—C. H. Kalbfus.

Brothers Hill and Sowers, of the Ohio Conference; D. Strite, of the North Indiana Conference; Elders Arnett and Knight, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; and Drs. Hatfield, Hight, Hoyt, and Wentworth; brother M. A. Head, and Bishops Ames and Foster were presented to the Conference.

The Committee on Periodicals was also made the Committee on the Claims of the Book Concern.

On motion of M. Dustin, a Committee was raised on the State of the Church, to whom all questions likely to come before the next General

Conference might be referred, and W. L. Hypes, L. F. Van Cleve, G. Moody, J. F. Chalfant, C. W. Ketcham, J. W. Weakley, and M. Dustin were so appointed.

W. Herr presented a paper, which was adopted, calling for the appointment of a Committee to report upon arrangements for the delivery of the Centennial sermon by Dr. Moody and the proper observance of the coming Centennial by Churches within the Cincinnati Conference.

The following brethren were appointed said Committee: J. M. Walden, J. Murray, T. H. Pearne, L. D. McCabe, S. D. Clayton, L. M. Davis, G. C. Crum, Wm. Herr, C. W. Roland, Thos. Fox, C. R. Allen, J. C. Miller, W. W. Meek, P. B. Swing.

On motion of W. L. Hypes, a Committee of three was ordered on Prison Reform, and the Nominating Committee instructed to report their names.

A Committee was also ordered, to whom should be referred the alleged claims of the Hillsboro College against the Conference. J. F. Chalfant, R. S. Rust, J. F. Conrey, T. J. Harris, L. F. Van Cleve were so appointed.

On motion of G. Moody, it was ordered that all subjects relating to the desecration of the Sabbath be referred to the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

On motion of J. F. Marlay, the Committee on Nominations was instructed to report the names of a Committee on Nominations for next year.

Bishop Andrews announced that the Conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund for thirty dollars, and the draft was ordered.

Conference ordered that the preachers should report the amounts of their benevolent collections in connection with the calling of their names.

The Tenth Question was taken up. G. Moody, Presiding Elder of Ripley District, represented his work, and his character and that of each elder in the Ripley District was passed, the brethren in charge reporting their collections.

On motion, a Committee was ordered to consider and report upon the law questions involved in the decisions rendered in the late trials of brother Lukemeyer, of Batavia Circuit. W. Young, M. Dustin, T. H. Pearne, J. F. Marlay, and A. Lowrey were appointed said Committee.

The time was extended.

T. J. Harris was appointed to receive money for the Conference Stewards.

After the giving of notices, Conference was adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Ames.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, September 2, 1875.

CONFERENCE opened at eight o'clock with a prayer-meeting, conducted by Rev. M. Kauffman. At its close, Bishop Andrews took the chair. The Journal of yesterday was read, and approved.

J. W. Sutherland was appointed to receive Bishops' money.

An invitation from A. C. Scott, Superintendent of the Young Men's Christian Association, on behalf of its Managers, expressing fraternal regards, and tendering courteous favors to members of Conference, was read, and the invitation was accepted.

A paper from Dr. Butler, relating to the high character and usefulness of the Rev. C. W. Drees, a missionary in Mexico, was read, and his transfer to the Cincinnati Conference was announced by Bishop Andrews. The paper was ordered to be published in the Minutes.

M. A. Richards, W. I. Fee, J. F. Marlay, and A. Lowrey were appointed to represent the Conference in fraternal correspondence with brother Drees.

Documents on the Book Concern were received, and referred to the Committee on Periodicals.

The Bishop announced the transfer of Earl Cranston from the Indiana to the Cincinnati Conference.

A document on the support of the Bishops was referred to the presiding elders.

Drs. J. M. Trimble and J. M. Reid, Prof. Wells, Dr. Muller, and brothers Rothweiler, Rice, Zimmerman, Leavitt, and Belleville were introduced to the Conference.

Dr. Rust, L. Clark, S. B. Smith, T. H. Pearne, J. F. Marlay, J. R. Wright, J. Cochnower, Dr. J. Davis, and W. Smith were added to the Committee on Education.

The names of the Committee on Nominations and Prison Reform were presented, and the nominees were elected.

Bishop Ames took the chair.

Hillsboro District was called, and S. D. Clayton, Presiding Elder, represented his work; after which, his character, and that of each elder in his district, was passed, the collections being reported.

Bishop Foster took the chair.

J. Pearson was appointed to receive funds for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Springfield District was called, and J. W. Cassatt represented the state of his work; after which, his character, and that of each elder in his district, was passed, the usual reports of collections being given.

Dayton District was called, and the state of his work represented by Dr. J. W. Weakley; after which, his character, and that of each elder of his district, was passed, the usual reports of collections being made.

Rev. brother Briggs, of the United Brethren Church, was introduced as the fraternal delegate of the Miami Conference of that denomination, and addressed the Conference.

W. N. Williams was appointed responding fraternal delegate to the Miami Conference.

On motion, the hour of adjournment was changed to twelve o'clock.

A communication from the Union Bethel, inviting the Conference to visit that institution, was received, and accepted.

On motion, the election of delegates to the General Conference was made the order of the day to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock.

S. Weeks was appointed to lead the prayer-meeting to-morrow morning; and after the giving of notices, Conference adjourned, with the benediction by W. Young.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, September 3, 1875.

CONFERENCE opened at eight o'clock, with a prayer-meeting led by Rev. S. Weeks. At a quarter before nine o'clock Bishop Andrews took the chair, and the Journal of yesterday was read, amended, and approved.

The Committee on the State of the Church reported in part.

J. F. Conrey presented a paper as a substitute for the first item. C. H. Payne offered an amendment to the substitute, which was laid on the table, and the vote was ordered and taken, by ayes and noes, on the adoption of the substitute. The substitute was adopted, 146 having voted, 124 in the affirmative, and 22 against it.

The vote on the second item was ordered, and taken, by ayes and noes. The item was adopted, 141 voting, 99 in the affirmative, and 32 against it.

Following this vote, the Bishop announced that the whole paper was adopted.

C. F. Gowdy was appointed to receive the money collected for the Tract Cause.

The Fourth Question was taken up, "*Who are admitted into full connection?*"

Daniel L. Aultman was called forward and briefly addressed by the Bishop. After satisfactorily answering the disciplinary questions, and favorable representations by his presiding elder and examiners, he was admitted into full connection, and elected to deacon's orders.

On motion, the order of the day was taken up, and it was ordered that the four persons having the largest number of votes, such votes being a majority of the whole number of votes cast, shall be declared elected delegates to the General Conference.

S. Weeks, T. Collett, George H. Dart, and W. I. Fee were appointed tellers; and after collecting the votes of the members, retired, F. G. Mitchell accompanying them as secretary.

Dr. J. M. Reid, Secretary of the Missionary Society, was invited forward by Bishop Andrews, and addressed the Conference in relation to the Missionary Cause.

On motion, the time of the session was extended.

The tellers reported as follows: Whole vote cast, 141; necessary to a choice, 72. Dr. J. M. Walden having received 89 votes, was declared elected.

A communication from Rev. J. Emery was referred to Committee on Public Worship.

An invitation from the Merchants' Exchange was received with thanks.

Papers were referred to committees, and notices given out; after which Conference adjourned, with benediction by W. Herr.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 4, 1875.

CONFERENCE opened at eight o'clock, with the usual prayer-meeting, led by Rev. J. J. Hill. At a quarter to nine o'clock Bishop Andrews took the chair and the Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Dr. Walden presented a paper expressing the sympathy and regards of the Conference to brothers Bontecon, J. G. Black, and H. C. Middleton, in their affliction. The expression was adopted, and brother Walden

was appointed to communicate the action of the Conference to these brethren by telegraph.

Dr. Walden presented a communication from the Young Men's Christian Association, which was accepted with thanks.

The Tenth Question was resumed. C. W. Ketcham, Presiding Elder of the West Cincinnati District, represented his work, and his character and the characters of the elders of his district were passed, the usual collections being reported.

On motion of Dr. Walden the Conference expressed that it would be its pleasure to receive the Lay Electoral Conference at such time as might be convenient to that body.

The Tenth Question was resumed. J. F. Chalfant, Presiding Elder, represented the East Cincinnati District, and his character and that of each Elder in his district was passed, the usual reports of collections being made.

Conference proceeded to ballot for the three remaining delegates to the General Conference, with the following results: Number of votes cast, 136; necessary to a choice, 69. A. Lowrey having received 71 votes was declared elected.

The Seventh Question, "*Who have been elected and ordained Elders?*" was taken up; and Lucien M. Davis, Charles J. Wells, Lafayette Young, Daniel L. Hayward, Charles H. Kalbfus, A. E. Higgins, and John Wilson were elected to elders' orders, those in charge having reported their collections.

Bishop Andrews read a communication from the Lay Electoral Conference, proposing to meet this Conference at a quarter past eleven o'clock this morning. By a rising vote the Conference requested Bishop Andrews and Foster to respond to their address on behalf of our body.

Conference proceeded to ballot for the remaining two delegates to General Conference, with the following results: Whole number of votes cast, 132; necessary to a choice, 67; there was no election.

The Nineteenth Question, "*Have any Local Preachers been ordained?*" was taken up; and Davis W. Clark, from the East Cincinnati District; L. E. Grennan, from the West Cincinnati District; Jacob E. H. Sentman, John P. Nine, George Firth, from the Dayton District; A. N. Barlow, from the Springfield District; Hezekiah Hill, from the Hillsboro District; James F. M'Colm, John W. Burdsall, of the Ripley District, having been duly recommended and favorably represented, were elected to deacons' orders.

Hiram Johnson, of the West Cincinnati District, was elected to elders' orders.

Rev. H. O. Sheldon, J. M'K. Reiley, Dr. Kynett, Rev. Hutchison, of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. P. C. Prugh, of the Reformed Church; Dr. Nast and Professor Williams were introduced to the Conference.

Conference proceeded to ballot for the remaining two delegates to General Conference, with the following result: Whole number of votes cast, 135; necessary to a choice, 68. J. F. Marlay, having received 78 votes, was declared elected.

Conference Stewards made their preliminary report.

On motion of W. Young, W. E. Hines was added to the list of Conference Claimants.

The presence of the Lay Electoral Conference having been announced, the Bishop requested Drs. Walden and Rust to escort them to reserved seats in the body of the Conference, and introduced Judge Meek, Chairman of the Lay Electoral Conference, who addressed the Cincinnati Conference on behalf of the Laymen.

Bishop Andrews appropriately responded to the address of Judge Meek, and was followed by Bishop Foster in a few remarks, chiefly confirming the impressive and eloquent address of Bishop Andrews.

After the singing of the Doxology, by the entire assembly, Judge Meek replied to the suggestions in the remarks of the Bishop, accepting, on behalf of the laity, the responsibilities laid upon them in relation to the temporalities of the Church.

Col. W. R. Warnock, one of the Lay Delegates to the General Conference, being invited forward, addressed the Conference in a very happy and hopeful speech.

Dr. Moody made a characteristic speech on the Scripturalness of our organization.

Brother T. A. Stevens led the Congregation in singing—

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love."

The effect was melting and thrilling, and, after fervent congratulations and shaking of hands, Bishop Andrews led the devotions of the Conference in a very fervent prayer.

On motion of Dr. Walden, the Lay Delegates were requested to remain with us, if convenient, to the close of the session.

Conference proceeded to ballot for the remaining delegate to General Conference, with the following result: Number of votes cast, 117; necessary to a choice, 59. There was no election.

The time of the session was extended.

Rev. L. F. Van Cleve presented the report of the Committee on the Springfield High School.

Bishop Andrews presented an invitation to the Conference to attend the session of the St. John's Sabbath-school to-morrow. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

Rev. W. I. Ellsworth exhibited to the Conference a silver-headed walking-cane, made of wood taken from the first Protestant and Methodist Church built in the State of Michigan in 1818, and presented to the senior Bishop, T. A. Morris, by the Michigan Annual Conference. Dr. J. F. Marlay was invited forward, and was addressed by Brother Ellsworth in a few words on behalf of the family of Bishop Morris, and presented with the cane as a token of their appreciation of his labors in preparing the biography of Bishop Morris.

Dr. Marlay, in accepting the gift, paid a grateful tribute to the memory of Bishop Morris.

Conference proceeded to ballot for the remaining General Conference delegate, with the following result: Number of votes cast, 106; necessary to a choice, 54. G. Moody, having received 57 votes, was declared elected.

On motion, Conference adjourned with the Doxology, and the benediction by Dr. J. F. Wright.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, September 6, 1875.

THE daily session was opened at eight o'clock, with a prayer-meeting led by the Rev. S. B. Smith. At a quarter before nine o'clock, Bishop Andrews took the chair; and after prayer by Rev. S. D. Clayton, the Journal of Saturday was read, and approved.

On motion of Dr. M'Cabe, it was agreed to have an evening session of the Conference, beginning at a quarter before eight o'clock, to consider educational matters.

On motion of L. F. Van Cleve, the Stewards were instructed to be governed by the regulations of previous years.

The Rev. Thomas Harwood, Superintendent of our Missions in New Mexico, and Rev. J. H. Roberts, of that work, were introduced to the Conference.

Bishop Andrews presented to the Conference the recommendations of

the Quarterly Conference of La Junta Mission, New Mexico, of James Harvey Roberts to be received into the traveling connection and ordained to deacon's orders. After proper representations, and the usual disciplinary examinations, he was received upon probation into the Cincinnati Annual Conference; and, under the provisions for the ordination of missionaries, he was ordained a deacon by Bishop Andrews.

J. F. Chalfant presented and read the report of the Special Committee on the Hillsboro College.

On motion of M. Dustin, after discussion of the subject, the paper was recommitted to the Committee, with instructions to make an intelligent and definite report upon the unpaid subscriptions to the Hillsboro College, and to recommend a plan for raising the deficiency.

On motion of Dr. Walden, Conference requested a copy of Dr. Moody's Centennial Sermon, for publication by the Book Concern.

W. Herr reported certain collections and donations to the Preachers' Relief Society of the Cincinnati Conference.

Conference proceeded to ballot for two reserve delegates to General Conference, with the following result: Number of votes cast, 123; necessary to a choice, 62. W. H. Sutherland having received 67, was declared the first reserve delegate.

Conference then balloted for the second reserve delegate, with the following result: Votes cast, 97; necessary to a choice, 49. R. S. Rust having received 57 votes, was declared elected the second reserve delegate to the ensuing General Conference.

On motion, the Committee on Centennial Observance were instructed to report a recommendation that the Centennial collections, to the extent of thirty thousand dollars, be appropriated to the Ohio Wesleyan University.

The Eighth Question, "*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*" was taken up.

Communications relating to M. J. Cramer were presented and read; after which, M. J. Cramer, M. P. Gaddis, W. H. Lawder, A. Meharry, P. A. Ogden, James F. Chalfant, J. S. Peregrine, G. W. Fee, G. W. Parrott, and A. Lowrey were given a supernumerary relation.

Dr. Day, of the United Brethren Church; Dr. Ralston, of the Methodist Episcopal Church-South; Dr. Newton, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and Rev. Earl Cranston were introduced. Dr. Newton briefly addressed the Conference, making a touching reference to the memory of Bishop Kingsley, with whom he was in Palestine at the time of the Bishop's sudden death.

Judge M. B. Hagans, by invitation, addressed the Conference in relation to the property of the Springfield High School, and was thanked for his services in relation thereto by a rising vote of Conference.

W. Herr read the report of the Sub-committee on the Springfield High School. Rev. L. F. Van Cleve read the first item of the report of the Committee on High-school, after which the report was recommitted.

The time was extended to receive the final report of the Stewards, which was adopted.

After the giving of notices, Conference adjourned with the Doxology, and the benediction by Dr. C. H. Payne.

EVENING SESSION.

MONDAY EVENING, September 6, 1875.

CONFERENCE convened at eight o'clock, Bishop Andrews in the chair, Dr. Rust leading the devotions of the Conference in prayer. The Journal of the morning session was read, and approved.

Rev. S. B. Smith presented, in part, the report of the Committee on Education.

Rev. S. D. Clayton moved the adoption of the report.

Bishop Andrews and Dr. C. H. Payne then addressed the Conference in a very impressive manner in relation to the subject of education.

Dr. J. M. Trimble, in response to an invitation, briefly and effectively spoke in advocacy of the same cause.

Calls were then made for subscriptions, and thirty persons responded, by taking shares of one hundred dollars each.

The report of the Committee was adopted as a whole.

On motion, the Secretary of this Conference was instructed to transmit the action of this Conference, in relation to this subject, to the other patronizing conferences in the State of Ohio.

C. W. Ketcham offered a resolution that, in the opinion of this Conference, the Methodists of Ohio ought to raise, during this Centennial year, at least half a million of dollars in behalf of the Ohio Wesleyan University. It was adopted.

Rev. W. L. Hypes was appointed to lead the prayer-meeting to-morrow morning.

On motion, the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Bishop Andrews.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, September 7, 1875.

CONFERENCE opened at eight o'clock with a prayer-meeting led by the Rev. W. L. Hypes. At a quarter to nine o'clock Bishop Andrews took the chair. The Journal of last evening's session was read and approved.

The Ninth Question, "*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*" was taken up.

The characters of J. C. Maddy, W. N. Maxey, J. Barton, J. W. Stone, B. Glasscock, D. Callahan, A. Murphy, E. H. Field, N. Callender, J. A. Reeder, T. A. G. Phillips, R. Brandriff, S. Brown, D. Warnock, W. I. Ellsworth, D. Kemper, J. L. Grover, J. C. Bontecou, D. H. Sargent, W. Webster, N. M'Donald, R. A. Arthur, J. C. Deem were passed, and they were continued in a superannuated relation. W. E. Hines was also given a superannuated relation. P. A. Ogdén was given a supernumerary relation with appointment. A. Meharry was given a supernumerary relation without work.

The Third Question, "*Who remain on trial?*" was taken up.

Delos R. Baker, Wm. J. Baker, John A. Easton, James F. M'Colm, G. M. Hammel, John H. Davis, John W. Gaddis, and Charles W. Drees were continued on trial, after favorable representations from their examiners and presiding elders, those in charge having reported their collections.

The Sixth Question, "*Who are the Deacons of the second class?*" was taken up.

John W. Sutherland, having passed his examinations as a deacon of the second class, was given a supernumerary relation at his own request. W. N. Brodbeck, Joseph C. Boltin, W. H. Smith, W. F. Mappin, and John C. Ambrose, after being favorably represented by their examiners and presiding elders, were passed as deacons of the second class, those in charge having reported their collections.

On motion, it was ordered that J. C. Boltin, J. C. Ambrose, W. F. Mappin, who have not passed their examinations on Whateley's Logic, be examined on that subject next year.

Jas. F. Chalfant and G. W. Fee were granted a supernumerary relation.

The Twenty-second Question, "*When and where shall the next Conference be held?*" was taken up.

Invitations from Ripley, Greenfield, Troy, Piqua, Urbana, Oxford, and

Xenia were presented, and the claims of these respective points were considered, after which Conference agreed, by a large vote, to hold its next session at Oxford, Greenfield having been withdrawn in favor of that place.

Leave of absence was granted to S. W. Carey.

The Committee on Law Questions presented their report, and the whole subject was laid upon the table.

W. I. Ellsworth presented the report of the Committee on the Springfield High-school, which was read and adopted item by item, and the whole report was adopted.

On motion of C. W. Ketcham, it was agreed to hold an afternoon session of Conference, beginning at half-past two o'clock, and an evening session, beginning at a quarter to eight o'clock, for memorial services.

The time of the session was extended.

On motion, it was agreed that Conference should go in a body to visit the Art Hall of the Exposition, on invitation of the Managers, at four o'clock this afternoon.

It was ordered that the new Board of Trustees be furnished with a copy of the report on the Springfield High-school.

Rev. W. H. Pearne, of the New Jersey Conference, and Hon. Will Cumback, of Indiana, were introduced.

Bishop Andrews appointed J. M. Walden to preside at the afternoon session and A. Lowrey to preside at the evening session.

After notices, Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Andrews.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, September 7, 1875.

CONFERENCE met at half-past two o'clock, Dr. J. M. Walden presiding by appointment of Bishop Andrews. Rev. E. M. Cole read a portion of Scripture and led the devotions of Conference in prayer. The Journal of the morning session was read and approved.

Rev. W. L. Hypes presented the parchment of Saml. Cochran, to be placed on file, he having voluntarily retired from the ministry.

Dr. Pearne moved that the Secretary of Conference furnish a certificate to Rev. T. J. Euans of his standing as an elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

E. C. Smith moved that the reports of Committees be presented in the order of their appointment, which was adopted.

T. H. Pearne presented a resolution providing that this Conference request the General Conference to so change the Discipline as to allow a preacher to remain five years. Referred to Committee on State of Church.

M. A. Richards read the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension, and it was adopted.

M. Kauffman presented the report of the Committee on Parsonages, which was adopted.

J. F. Loyd read the report of the Committee on Temperance, which was adopted.

The Statistical Secretary read the footings of the statistics of the Conference, and the report was adopted.

S. N. Marsh read the resolutions of the Committee on Statistics, which were adopted.

F. G. Mitchell presented a resolution, which was passed.

Dr. Pearne moved that we take up the special order of the day. Carried.

On motion, Conference adjourned to carry out the special order. Wm. Herr pronounced the benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

TUESDAY EVENING, September 7, 1875.

CONFERENCE met at a quarter to eight o'clock, Dr. Lowrey presiding, by the appointment of Bishop Andrews. Religious services were conducted by Revs. Clark, Kauffman, and Porter. The Journal of the afternoon session was read, and approved.

The Committee on Memoirs presented their report.

The Memoir of Rev. William Routledge was read by Rev. S. N. Marsh. After appropriate remarks by Revs. Lowrey, Meharry, Wells, Robinson, Spahr, and Marsh, the Memoir was adopted.

The Memoir of Rev. Micah Gilbert Purkhizer was read also by Rev. S. N. Marsh. Affecting remarks were made by Revs. Kauffman, Walden, Sutherland, Clark, Burdsall, and Lowrey; and after the singing of "How sweet it will be in that beautiful land," the report was adopted.

The Memoir of Rev. Erwin House was read by Rev. J. N. Irvin. Touching remarks were made by Revs. Fitzgerald and Marlay, and the report was adopted.

The Memoir of Rev. N. C. Parrish was read by Rev. R. K. Deem.

Remarks were made by Revs. Pearson and Bowers, and the report was adopted.

On motion, the above Memoirs were referred to the Secretaries for revision. It was also moved, and carried, that the Memoirs of sisters Roe, Ogden, and Reed be referred to the Publishing Committee for revision and publication in the Minutes.

Conference adjourned, with the Doxology, and the benediction by Rev. J. F. Conrey.

SEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, September 8, 1875.

CONFERENCE met at a quarter to nine o'clock, Bishop Andrews presiding. Religious services were conducted by Rev. T. Collett. The Journal of last evening's session was read, and approved.

Leave of absence was granted to E. H. Field.

W. Herr presented the report of the Conference Trustees, which was adopted, and the nominees were confirmed as Trustees.

E. Burdsall read the report of the Committee on Sunday-schools, which was adopted.

S. B. Smith presented the report of the Treasurer of the Conference Sunday-school Union, which was adopted.

The old Board of Officers of Conference Sunday-school Union were re-elected, substituting D. H. Moore for J. E. Gilbert.

A. B. Leonard read the report of the Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath, which was adopted.

Resolutions respecting the transfer of Revs. Gilbert and Bugbee were presented by G. Moody, and adopted.

Dr. Payne moved to reconsider the vote by which the second resolution on the presiding elder question was adopted. Dr. Payne's motion was laid on the table.

Dr. Payne and others, desiring to change their vote on that subject, were permitted to do so: and Dr. Payne did so.

S. B. Smith presented the report, in part, of the Committee on Education. The item relating to the Wesleyan Female College was adopted. The item relating to Xenia College was adopted.

The officers of the Conference Educational Society were nominated and elected.

The item relating to Garrett Biblical Institute was adopted.

A resolution in relation to the education of young men for the ministry was read and adopted.

The item relating to Hillsboro College was adopted. J. F. Chalfant read the names of subscribers to Hillsboro College.

S. B. Smith read a paper relating to Augusta College, Kentucky, and recommending the Ohio Wesleyan University to incorporate the Alumni of the former institution with those of the latter. Thomas Lee moved to refer the paper to the Trustees and Faculty of the Ohio Wesleyan University. The paper was adopted, and so referred.

S. B. Smith read a recommendation from the Committee on Education to pay the expenses of the Committee on Springfield High-school. On motion, the Trustees of Springfield High-school were directed to pay the expenses of the above Committee.

G. Moody presented a resolution in relation to the presidency of Bishop Andrews. Carried by rising vote.

T. H. Pearne moved that, when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at two o'clock. Carried.

M. A. Richards read the report of the Committee on Periodicals, which was amended and adopted.

On motion, time of session was extended.

The Second Question was taken up, "*Who are admitted on trial?*"

The names of Matthias M. Kugler, Davis W. Clark, and Benjamin F. Dimmick, from East Cincinnati District; Henry Tuckley and George W. Dubois, from West Cincinnati District; Gilbert L. Travis, Jacob E. H. Sentman, and John P. Nine, from the Dayton District; Warren F. Eastman, Allen D. Maddox, and Joseph I. Taggart, from Hillsboro District, were presented, and after favorable representations from the Examining Committee and presiding elders, they were admitted.

A. B. Leonard presented to Dr. Chalfant a gold-headed cane as an expression of appreciation from the brethren of his district. Dr. Chalfant briefly returned thanks.

On motion, Conference tendered to Dr. Chalfant their sympathies for his personal affliction, and assured him of their prayers for his speedy restoration to health and to his ministerial work.

E. C. Smith read the report of the Committee on Finance, which was adopted.

Conference adjourned, to meet at half-past two o'clock, with the benediction by Dr. J. M. Walden.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, September 8, 1875.

CONFERENCE met, pursuant to adjournment, at half-past two o'clock, Bishop Andrews presiding. Rev. M. Dustin led the devotions of the Conference in prayer. The Journal of the morning's session was read, and approved.

Dr. Walden presented the report of the Committee on Centennial, which was adopted.

S. D. Clayton asked permission for the society at New Vienna to sell their church property, which was granted.

Permission was granted to the Church at St. Paris to sell their property and apply the proceeds to new church building. Like permission was granted to the Church at Bethany.

Conference appointed brothers Clark, Collett, Richards, and Deem a Committee to solicit subscribers to Conference Minutes.

Dr. Pearne presented a resolution, which was adopted.

D. J. Starr presented the report of the Treasurer of Conference Tract Society, which was adopted.

The report of Committee on Bible Cause was adopted.

D. J. Starr moved that the treasurers of the various societies retain so much of the funds of the societies as will be sufficient to pay for the publication of their reports in Minutes. Adopted.

On motion, J. F. Conrey was authorized to retain \$5 of Missionary Funds to pay for a satchel for the use of the missionary treasurer.

On motion, Conference took up collection for sexton amounting to \$28.12.

Conference Stewards made their final report and distributed funds.

Conference Stewards recommended Conference to reaffirm the Stewards' resolutions of last year, which was done.

W. I. Fee presented the report of the Treasurer of the Educational Fund, which was adopted and ordered to be filed.

A. Bowers read the report of Committee on Freedmen's Aid Society, which was approved.

C. H. Lawton read the report of Committee on Tract Cause, which was approved.

J. W. Sutherland presented the report, by districts, of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, which was adopted.

Bishop Andrews presented a document in relation to expenses of Delegates to General Conference. Also another document respecting the

assessment of the Episcopal Fund, to be referred to Presiding Elders for distribution.

On motion, the report of the Sub Committee on Springfield High-school was referred to the Board of Trustees of that institution.

A. W. Tibbits read the report of Committee on Church Extension, which was adopted.

On motion, collections were taken for Revs. Deem, Arthur, and Callender, with instructions that the Stewards divide the money between them. On motion the name of sister Rutledge was added. The collection was taken, amounting to \$201.

J. T. Short was granted a supernumerary relation.

The Committee on Missions reported, and the report was adopted.

L. Clark nominated officers of the Ladies' and Pastor's Christian Union, who were elected.

D. J. Starr presented resolutions of thanks to various parties, for favors, which prevailed.

Leave of absence was granted to Board of Stewards for the purpose of counting and distributing the moneys just collected.

Rev. Dr. J. F. Wright, Conference Evangelist, presented his report. On motion, G. Moody, A. Lowrey, and S. Weeks were appointed a committee to express the sentiments of the Conference toward Rev. Dr. Wright.

D. J. Starr read the nominations by the Bishop of Committees of Examination, etc., which were approved.

Revs. Harris and Slavens, of Kentucky Conference, and Professor Williams, of Delaware University, were introduced.

On motion, Friday was fixed upon as the day of examination of candidates for Local Orders.

J. Pearson moved that Committee on Publishing Minutes be authorized to publish the names of the officers of Conference Societies of last year, in case none are elected this year. Carried.

It was moved that after the reading of the Journal, religious services, and reading of appointments, Conference adjourn. Carried.

The Journal was read and approved.

Conference tendered their cordial thanks to the Secretaries of Conference and to the laymen of the Board of Stewards for faithful services.

Conference united in singing "And let our bodies part," and Dr. Lowrey, by request of Bishop Andrews, led the devotions of Conference in prayer. Bishop Andrews briefly addressed the Conference and read the appointments, and Conference adjourned *sine die* with Doxology, and benediction by Bishop Andrews.

II.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1. *Have any entered this Conference by transfer or re-admission?*

ANSWER. Earl Cranston, C. W. Drees, A. E. Higgins, by transfer.

QUESTION 2. *Who are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER. James Harvey Roberts, Davis W. Clark, Henry Tuckley, John P. Nine, Allen D. Maddox, Benjamin F. Dimmick, Matthias M. Kugler, George W. Dubois, Jacob E. H. Sentman, Warren T. Eastman, Gilbert L. Travis, Joseph I. Taggart.

QUESTION 3. *Who remain on trial?*

ANSWER. Delos R. Baker, G. M. Hammel, Wm. J. Baker, John H. Davis, John A. Easton, John W. Gaddis, James F. M'Colm, Charles W. Drees.

QUESTION 4. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

ANSWER. Daniel L. Aultman.

QUESTION 5. *Who are the Deacons of the first class?*

ANSWER. Daniel L. Aultman, Davis W. Clark, Jacob E. Sentman, James F. M'Colm, John P. Nine, James H. Roberts.

QUESTION 6. *Who are the Deacons of the second class?*

ANSWER. John W. Sutherland, John T. Short, W. N. Brodbeck, Joseph C. Boltin, W. H. Smith, W. F. Mappin, J. W. Gaddis.

QUESTION 7. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*

ANSWER. Lucien M. Davis, Charles J. Wells, Lafayette Young, Daniel L. Hayward, Charles H. Kalbfus, Alphonso E. Higgins, and John Wilson.

QUESTION 8. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

ANSWER. M. P. Gaddis, P. A. Ogden, W. H. Lawder, A. Meharry, J. F. Chalfant, J. S. Peregrine, G. W. Fee, G. W. Parrott, A. Lowrey, M. J. Cramer, J. T. Short, J. W. Sutherland.

QUESTION 9. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

ANSWER. J. C. Maddy, W. N. Maxey, J. Barton, J. W. Stone, B. Glasscock, D. Callahan, A. Murphy, E. H. Field, N. Callender, J. A. Reeder, T. A. G. Phillips, R. Brandriff, S. Brown, D. Warnock, W. I. Ellsworth, D. Kemper, J. L. Grover, J. C. Bontecou, D. H. Sargent, W. Webster, N. M'Donald, J. C. Deem, R. A. Arthur, W. E. Hines.

QUESTION 10. *Was the character of each Preacher examined?*

ANSWER. It was.

QUESTION 11. *Have any located?*

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 12. *Have any withdrawn?*

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 13. *Have any transferred?*

ANSWER. L. H. Bugbee to the Pittsburg Conference, and J. E. Gilbert to the Kentucky Conference.

QUESTION 14. *Have any been expelled?*

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 15. *Who have died?*

ANSWER. W. Routledge, M. G. Purkhiser, N. C. Parrish, and E. House. (See Memoirs.)

QUESTION 16. *What is the Statistical Report?*

ANSWER. (See Report.)

QUESTION 17. *What are the claims upon the Conference Funds?*

ANSWER. (See Stewards' Report.)

QUESTION 18. *What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been applied?*

ANSWER. (See Stewards' Report.)

QUESTION 19. *Have any Local Preachers been ordained?*

ANSWER. L. E. Grennan, George Firth, A. N. Barlow, Hezekiah Hill, and John W. Burdsall were ordained deacons, and Hiram Johnson was ordained elder.

QUESTION 20. *Are any Literary or Theological Institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?*

ANSWER. (See Report on Education.)

QUESTION 21. *Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?*

ANSWER. (See Officers of Conference Societies.)

QUESTION 22. *Where and when shall the next Conference be held?*

ANSWER. At Oxford, Ohio. Time to be fixed by the Bishops.

III.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE.

Of Respect to Bishop Andrews.

WHEREAS, Bishop E. G. Andrews has presided over our Conference at this, his first official visit among us, with such ability, courtesy, and kindness as to endear him to us all, while by his sermons and addresses he has greatly delighted and instructed us; therefore,

Resolved, That we will gladly and heartily welcome Bishop Andrews as our presiding officer whenever it shall be his duty to attend our sessions.

J. F. MARLAY,

JAMES F. CHALFANT.

J. W. WEAKLEY,

GRANVILLE MOODY.

Of Thanks.

RESOLVED, That we express our most hearty thanks to the members and friends of the Church of Christ in Cincinnati for the generous and Christian hospitality with which we have been entertained during the session of our Conference; to the pastors of the several Churches who have extended ministerial courtesies; to the pastor, sexton, and officers of Trinity Church for many and special favors; to those railroad and steamboat lines which have favored us with reduced rates of fare in attending our annual sessions; and to the Managers of the Exposition for an invitation to visit Art Hall.

D. J. STARR,

WM. H. SUTHERLAND,

W. HERR.

Of Regard for Dr. Chalfant.

RESOLVED, That we sympathize with Rev. Dr. Chalfant in the physical disability which compels the suspension of his highly valued ministerial services in this Conference, and hope and pray that his illness may be but *temporary*; and will gladly hail his return to the active duties of itinerant ministerial life.

GRANVILLE MOODY,

D. J. STARR.

For Conference Reports.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary be instructed to send to the presiding elders, for their preachers in charge, statistical blanks and envelopes for Church collections one month before the Conference session.

Transfer of Revs. Bugbee and Gilbert.

1. RESOLVED, That in the transfer of Rev. L. H. Bugbee, D. D., to the Pittsburg Conference we have lost a devout Christian, a genial and reliable friend, a ripe scholar, an accomplished and successful educator, and

an eminent divine; and that we are somewhat relieved by the fact that our loss will be so eminently the gain of the Conference aforesaid, and to Alleghany College, to the presidency of which he has been elected. Should he desire to return to this Conference, we shall most heartily welcome him again to our midst.

2. That we highly appreciate the Christian character, courteous deportment, and ministerial efficiency of Rev. James E. Gilbert, who has been transferred from the Cincinnati to the Kentucky Conference. Should he desire to return to our midst, we would most heartily welcome his return to this field of labor.

W. I. FEE,
C. H. PAYNE,
G. MOODY,

J. F. MARLAY,
D. H. MOORE.

On Statistical Reports.

WHEREAS, members of this Conference come to its sessions without having prepared their statistics; and *whereas*, in many instances several days elapse before they can be collected; and *whereas*, they are then sometimes radically defective; therefore,

Resolved, That we will use our diligence to perfect our reports before leaving our respective charges for the seat of the Conference, and that we will be prepared to present them on the first day of the session.

S. N. MARSH,
W. B. MOLER,
W. N. BRODBECK,

C. F. GOWDY,
W. MAHON,
D. D. CHENEY.

Request to Dr. M'Cabe.

WHEREAS, it has become known to many of the Conference that our brother, Professor M'Cabe, has ready for the press a scholarly and reverential discussion of God's foreknowledge of contingent events, a question that lies at the basis of the great debate between Arminianism and Calvinism; therefore,

Resolved, That, without committing the Conference to any indorsement of his views, we respectfully request him to give to the world the result of his studies in this direction.

THOMAS H. PEARNE,
J. F. MARLAY.

IV.

SOCIETY OFFICERS, EXAMINING COMMITTEES, ETC.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION, ETC.

Admission on Trial—M. A. RICHARDS,
D. J. STARR,
C. F. GOWDY.

First Year—E. T. WELLS,
G. M. EDGAR,
H. M. KECK.

Second Year—WM. RUNYAN,
W. FITZGERALD,
W. Q. SHANNON.

Third Year—LUCIEN CLARK,
M. KAUFFMAN,
W. J. QUARRY.

Fourth Year—W. A. ROBINSON,
T. DEWITT PEAK,
D. C. VANCE.

Order of Local Deacons—
H. MILLER,
W. MAHON,
F. M. CLEMANS.

Order of Local Elders—S. BENNETT,
J. WILSON,
R. K. DEEM.

To Preach Missionary Sermon—
T. H. PEARNE.

Alternate—F. S. DAVIS.

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H. MOORE.

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Triers of Appeals.

J. W. WEAKLEY, S. WEEKS. M.
• DUSTIN, W. H. SUTHERLAND, L. F.

VAN CLEVE, W. FITZGERALD, T. COLLETT.

Nominating Committee for next Year.

J. F. MARLAY, C. FERGUSON, J. W. WEAKLEY, W. FITZGERALD, W. J. QUARRY, F. G. MITCHELL.

On Prison Reform.

J. F. CHALFANT, J. F. LOYD, L. F. VAN CLEVE.

Conference Stewards.

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WM. HERR, J. M. WALDEN, C. W. ROWLAND, J. MURRAY, THOS. FOX, T. H. PEARNE, C. R. ALLEN, L. D. M'CABE, J. C. MILLER, S. D. CLAYTON, JUDGE W. M. MEEK, L. M. DAVIS, JUDGE P. B. SWING, C. G. CRUM.

On Claims

Alleged against the Conference connected with Hillsboro Female College—J. F. CHALFANT, R. S. RUST, J. F. CONREY, T. J. HARRIS, L. F. VAN CLEVE.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This certifies that Daniel L. Aultman, Davis W. Clark, L. E. Grennan, George Firth, A. N. Barlow, Jacob E. N. Sentman, Hezekiah Hill, James F. M'Colm, John P. Nine, James H. Roberts, and John W. Burdsall were by me ordained deacons; and that Lucien M. Davis, Charles J. Wells, Lafayette Young, Daniel L. Hayward, Charles H. Kalbfus, Alphonso E. Higgins, John Wilson, and Hiram Johnson were by me, assisted by several elders, ordained elders in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Sunday, September 6, 1875.

EDWARD G. ANDREWS.

Cincinnati, O., September 7, 1875.

V. REPORTS.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS' REPORT.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	SALARIES.			House Rent...	Fifth Collect'n
		Salaries	Receipts.	Deficits.		
EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.....	J. F. Chalfant, P. E.....	\$1,400 00	\$1,350 00	\$50 00	\$300	.....
Cincinnati: Wesley Chapel.....	W. I. Fee.....	1,600 00	1,600 00	.....	.....	\$72 31
Trinity	D. H. Moore.....	3,000 00	3,000 00	.....	1000	300 00
Asbury	J. E. Gilbert.....	1,521 00	1,521 00	.....	.....	47 00
Pearl-street.....	A. Bowers.....	1,000 00	1,025 00	.....	.....	41 00
Mt. Auburn.....	J. N. Irvin.....	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....	.....	35 00
Walnut Hills.....	A. B. Leonard.....	2,500 00	2,500 00	.....	.....	342 50
Grace Church.....	J. T. Short.....	1,220 00	1,220 00	.....	420	30 25
M'Kendree.....	G. W. Kelley.....	1,100 00	1,100 00	.....	300	30 00
Pendleton.....	J. Verity.....	1,100 00	1,000 00	.....	200	3 50
Madisonville.....	S. Bennett.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	.....	100 00
Mt. Washington.....	M. Kauffman.....	800 00	800 00	.....	240	28 00
Camp Dennison.....	C. H. Lawton.....	600 00	523 36	76 64	150	23 95
Milford.....	T. J. Enans.....	800 00	800 00	.....	.....	11 55
Centenary	S. N. Marsh.....	700 00	700 00	.....	96	25 00
Loveland and Maineville.....	H. C. Middleton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon.....	W. Runyan.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	.....	41 60
South Lebanon	R. S. Hagerman	520 00	397 66	.....	.....	5 00
Goshen.....	J. F. Loyd.....	700 00	700 00	.....	Par.	30 20
Morrow.....	B. F. Dimmick.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Waynesville.....	C. Ferguson.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	.....	25 60
New Burlington.....	J. F. Hull.....	700 00	700 00	.....	.....	70 00
Xenia: First Church.....	M. A. Richards.....	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....	.....	103 55
Trinity	D. J. Starr.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	250	80 25
Miami.....	C. H. Kalbfus.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	.....	37 00
Total.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$1,485 76
WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.....	C. W. Kelcham,*P. E.....	\$1,300 00	\$1,300 00	.....	\$420	.....
Cincinnati: St. Paul.....	C. H. Payne.....	4,000 00	4,000 00	.....	.....	\$520 00
St. John's.....	T. Collett.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	.....	12 50
Christie.....	J. Murray.....	1,580 00	1,580 00	.....	480	100 00
Finley.....	E. M'Hugh.....	1,800 00	1,800 00	.....	360	27 35
York-street.....	A. N. Spahr.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 00
M'Lean.....	W. Young.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fairmount.....	A. D. Raleigh.....	1,020 00	1,020 00	.....	150	21 00
Cummins ville.....	W. N. Brodbeck.....	900 00	.....	.....	.....	53 00
Winton Place.....	R. K. Deem.....	700 00	700 00	.....	300	40 00
Hartwell.....	H. Tuckley.....	750 00	450 00	.....	.....	61 00
Lockland.....	S. B. Smith.....	1,100 00	1,100 00	.....	.....	67 00
Port Union.....	W. H. Black.....	800 00	800 00	.....	.....	12 00
Cheviot.....	J. W. Sutherland.....	750 00	750 00	.....	.....	12 20
Bethany.....	W. Q. Shannon.....	900 00	900 00	.....	.....	20 00
Hamilton.....	T. J. Harris	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	.....	90 00
Oxford.....	D. C. Vance.....	1,050 00	1,050 00	.....	.....	55 00
Venice.....	J. Wilson.....	600 00	520 00	.....	.....	20 00
".....	D. R. Baker.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harrison.....	F. S. Davis.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00
North Bend.....	J. C. Boltin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 10
Eaton.....	J. F. Marlay.....	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....	.....	66 00
Camden.....	J. S. Pumphrey.....	642 00	642 00	.....	.....	18 60
Macedonia.....	H. Johnson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Seven-mile.....	B. F. January.....	600 00	600 00	.....	.....	5 00
New Paris.....	J. J. Hill.....	718 00	496 00	\$232 00	.....	10 10
Fair Haven.....	W. B. Jackson.....	500 00	500 00	.....	.....	12 30
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$1,323 15

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	SALARIES.			House Rent...	Fifth Collect'n
		Estimates	Receipts.	Deficits..		
DAYTON DISTRICT.....	J. W. Weakley, P. E.....	\$1,300 00	\$1,300 00	.....	\$300	.....
Dayton: Grace.....	T. H. Pearne.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	.....	\$200 00
Sears-street.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Raper.....	W. A. Robinson.....	1,600 00	1,600 00	.....	Par.	160 00
Davisson.....	W. N. Williams.....	650 00	650 00	.....	180	23 05
Troy.....	J. T. Bail.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	.....	62 50
Tippecanoe.....	C. F. Gowdy.....	600 00	600 00	.....	.....	4 55
Addison.....	G. M. Edgar.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59 88
".....	W. J. Baker.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concord.....	C. T. Crum.....	550 00	550 00	.....	.....	20 00
Lewisburg.....	T. D. W. Peak.....	850 00	905 00	.....	Par.	31 20
Winchester.....	G. L. Travis.....	550 00	470 00	.....	.....	18 00
Piqua: Green-street.....	J. Stephenson.....	1,300 00	1,300 00	.....	.....	30 00
Grace Church.....	J. F. Conrey.....	800 00	475 00	.....	.....	10 00
Lockington.....	C. J. Wells.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00
Fletcher.....	W. F. Mappin.....	725 00	700 00	.....	.....	22 85
St. Paris and Lena.....	J. Pearson.....	750 00	750 00	.....	60	35 00
Brant.....	J. B. Ellsworth.....	500 00	500 00	.....	.....	13 00
Miamisburg.....	M. Dustin.....	900 00	900 00	.....	Par.	44 90
Franklin.....	S. A. Brewster.....	1,050 00	1,050 00	.....	180	36 55
Red Lion and Springboro.....	S. W. Carey.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44 65
Fairfield.....	G. H. Kennedy.....	800 00	681 00	.....	.....	11 35
New Carlisle.....	J. G. Black.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 20
Middletown.....	F. M. Clemans.....	900 00	900 00	.....	176	12 10
Mourree.....	A. Hamilton.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	Par.	64 00
Total.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$942 78
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.....	J. W. Cassatt, P. E.....	\$1,400 00	\$1,225 00	\$175 00	\$300	.....
Springfield: Central Church.....	E. T. Wells.....	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....	Par.	\$114 10
High-street.....	W. L. Hypes.....	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....	Par.	156 50
Urbana: First Church.....	W. H. Sutherland.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	Par.	133 25
Second Church.....	G. H. Dart.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	Par.	87 00
King's Creek.....	A. W. Tibbits.....	.....	.....	.....	Par.	43 95
".....	T. E. Fiddler.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mingo and Tabor.....	J. M. Robinson.....	700 00	700 00	.....	Par.	8 20
North Lewisburg.....	A. U. Beall.....	900 00	900 00	.....	Par.	25 80
East Liberty.....	E. P. James.....	600 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Tremont.....	C. Kalbfus.....	700 00	650 00	.....	100	24 14
Mechanicsburg.....	W. Fitzgerald.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 20
Catawba.....	J. Vance.....	800 00	800 00	.....	.....	36 00
".....	W. H. Smith.....	400 00	400 00	.....	.....	.....
Moorefield.....	E. Burdall.....	700 00	700 00	.....	Par.	41 00
South Charleston.....	W. B. Moler.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43 80
Yellow Springs.....	G. C. Crum.....	800 00	.....	.....	.....	19 35
Old Town.....	A. M. Griffith.....	800 00	750 00	.....	.....	15 50
Jamestown.....	J. W. Mason.....	900 00	900 00	.....	.....	90 00
Cedarville.....	H. Stokes.....	750 00	700 00	.....	120	40 20
".....	S. F. Conrey.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union.....	J. P. Shultz.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00
".....	M. G. Baker.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$1,089 99
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.....	S. D. Clayton, P. E.....	\$1,300 00	\$1,300 00	.....	.....	.....
Hillsboro.....	L. Clark.....	1,300 00	1,300 00	.....	Par.	\$78 25
Greenfield.....	F. G. Mitchell.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	Par.	70 00
New Lexington.....	J. M. Shultz.....	800 00	760 00	.....	.....	34 00
".....	L. F. Young.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Highland.....	R. E. Smith.....	750 00	700 00	.....	.....	24 00
".....	J. C. Ambrose.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sinking Springs.....	J. R. Hunter.....	.....	.....	.....	\$18	45 75
Wilmington.....	L. F. Van Cleve.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	Par.	10 50
Bowersville.....	E. M. Cole.....	700 00	600 00	.....	.....	22 75
Clarksville.....	J. H. Middleton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00
".....	D. L. Aultman.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lynchburg.....	D. Whitmer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 50
Sardinia.....	W. Mahon.....	600 00	560 40	\$39 60	.....	.....
".....	J. A. Easton.....	300 00	280 20	19 80	.....	23 00
Winchester.....	S. W. Edmiston.....	600 00	600 00	.....	.....	50 50
".....	J. H. Davis.....	200 00	200 00	.....	.....	.....
Butlerville.....	D. L. Hayward.....	642 00	590 90	51 10	10	86 57

CONFERENCE STEWARDS' REPORT.

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CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	SALARIES.			House Rent....	Fifth Collect'n
		Estimates	Receipts.	Deficits..		
Butlerville.....	W. E. Hines.....					
Samantha.....						
Total						\$483 82
RIPLEY DISTRICT.....	G. Moody, P. E.....	\$1,200 00				
Ripley.....	S. Weeks.....	1,200 00	\$1,200 00		Par.	\$52 90
Felicity.....	H. M. Keck.....	825 00	825 00			
Georgetown.....	J. P. Porter.....	650 00	670 00			30 50
New Richmond.....	J. S. Whitney.....	800 00	800 00		Par.	15 90
Decatur.....	J. L. Gregg.....	750 00	750 00			40 50
"	J. W. Gaddis.....	400 00	400 00			
Manchester.....	G. T. Weaver.....					10 00
Moscow.....	E. C. Smith.....	800 00			120	25 00
Laurel.....	F. Hypes.....					27 00
"	G. W. Fee.....					
Amelia.....	N. Prince.....					50 00
"	W. P. Jackson.....					
Batavia.....	L. M. Davis.....					35 75
"	M. P. Zink.....					
Williamsburg.....	H. Miller.....	800 00	800 00			8 00
Marathon.....	W. T. M'Mullen.....	600 00	600 00			7 85
Bethel.....	D. D. Cheney.....	900 00	554 00		Par.	2 00
Feesburg.....	W. M. Boyer.....	700 00	700 00		Par.	15 00
"	J. F. M'Colm.....					
West Union.....	W. J. Quarry.....	700 00				7 90
"	D. A. M'Colm.....					
Total						\$328 30

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICT.	SALARIES.			House Rent.....	Fifth Collection
	Estimates	Receipts..	Deficits...		
East Cincinnati.....					\$1,485 76
West Cincinnati.....					1,323 15
Dayton					942 78
Springfield.....					1,089 99
Hillsboro.....					483 82
Ripley.....					328 30
Total					\$5,653 80

QUESTION 17. What are the claims upon the Conference Fund?

Answer—\$5,911 72.

QUESTION 18. What has been received on the foregoing claims and how has it been applied?

Answer—From charges.....\$5,712 02
 From Chartered Fund.....30 00
 From Mears's bequest.....89 70
 From Conference, by J. T. Bail.....80 00

Total.....\$5,911 72

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Ohio Wesleyan University.

THIS is the chief institution of learning in our denomination in the State of Ohio. It is the educational heart of the Church within the limits of its patronage. Its power and efficiency are attested by the abundance and character of its fruit. Our Conference and our homes have been blessed by its influence. Though much has been done, more might have been done and more should be done. The degree of efficiency must be determined largely by *financial* ability. The endowment is insufficient for present demands, much less to furnish the conditions of continued growth. The Trustees are obliged to limit their work because of insufficient means. After expending the annual income as economically as possible, there is an annual deficit of from one to two thousand dollars. This ought not to be so, and must not be so.

The Trustees are a noble body of men, devoted to the cause of education and the Church. They have integrity and business ability, and will make good returns to God and the Church for all the means committed to their charge. The endowment *must* be enlarged, or the institution will be increasingly embarrassed. Health and *growth* are intimately connected. Then the competition of other vigorous and rising institutions will make the comparison more and more unfavorable, diverting patronage and depleting power. Sanctified education, under the auspices of Methodism, is worthy the best appointed and most richly endowed university in the land. There is piety and wealth enough in the Church to secure it, if properly directed.

The interests of every Methodist preacher, Church, and family are involved, and every Methodist heart and hand should contribute to this end. The members of this Conference have expressed in emphatic words their appreciation of this institution and of the necessity of its further endowment. It is now full time that this expression should take on the form of *emphatic deeds*. Concentration is power. Immediate action is the best assurance of future success. We should concentrate effort with *immediate* application for a sufficient endowment of our University at Delaware.

We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Whereas, the Conference have voted, with careful deliberation, to endow a professorship by raising thirty thousand dollars for that purpose; and *whereas*, the last General Conference recommended the raising of a Memorial Fund during the Centenary year of the existence of the Government of the United States, and its appropriation to the support of our literary institutions; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we will endeavor to raise during this year such a thank-offering as shall be worthy of a government of freedom and of a patriotic Church, and that at least thirty thousand dollars of the amount be applied to the endowment of the "Cincinnati Conference Professorship" in the University.

2. *Resolved*, That we will continue our efforts in behalf of the University, that the largest measure of ability and usefulness may be real-

ized, and that we earnestly commend it to all our people for their liberal contributions, and to those who are disposing of their property by will that they remember this worthy enterprise in their bequests.

3. *Resolved*, That for the purpose of raising the proposed endowment, the subscriptions be divided into shares of one thousand dollars, five hundred dollars, and one hundred dollars; and we pledge ourselves to use our earnest endeavors to present the subject personally to the members of our several charges, and induce as many as possible to contribute to this fund according to their individual ability; and, with the Lord's help, we hope to be able ourselves to take some stock in this paying investment.

4. *Resolved*, That, for the carrying forward of this work, the following Committees be appointed from the various districts of this Conference, and that, should any vacancies occur, it shall be the duty of the Educational Society of this Conference to provide a supply:

East Cincinnati District—Presiding Elder, Chairman; A. B. Leonard, J. R. Wright, C. W. Rowland.

West Cincinnati District—Presiding Elder, Chairman; James Murray, C. W. Cole, J. Cochnower.

Dayton District—Presiding Elder, Chairman; T. H. Pearne, Eugene Parrot, G. W. Hoagland.

Springfield District—Presiding Elder, Chairman; E. T. Wells, P. P. Mast, Wm. Warnock.

Hillsboro District—Presiding Elder, Chairman: L. Clark, J. H. DeBruin, Jacob Saylor.

Ripley District—Presiding Elder, Chairman; J. P. Porter, A. J. Stivers, J. T. Wilson.

5. *Resolved*, That we recognize with unfeigned gratification the prosperity of the University under the administration of Rev. L. D. M'Cabe, D. D., LL. D., as its acting president, and that we hereby request the presiding Bishop to appoint him as Professor of Philosophy, which position he has so faithfully honored.

6. *Resolved*, That we hail with great satisfaction the election of Rev. C. H. Payne, D. D., also a member of our Conference, as president of the University, and that we believe his abilities and devotion will contribute much to the continued usefulness of the institution.

7. *Resolved*, That John Davis, M. D., be elected a trustee of the University for the term of five years, from June 22, 1876.

8. *Resolved*, That W. L. Hypes and James M. Stephenson be appointed the Visiting and Examining Committee to the University for the coming year.

We append the financial exhibit furnished by the secretary of the Board of Trustees.

ASSETS: Grounds and buildings	\$150,000 00
Library, cabinet, and apparatus.	29,000 00
Permanent fund.....	240,262 00
General fund—notes and real estate.....	3,405 00
Library fund.....	500 00
Income fund, interest now due.....	2,083 00
Total.....	\$425,250 00
Indebtedness.....	44,362 28
Excess of assets.....	\$380,887 72

Xenia College.

THIS institution is in successful operation. Good health and a good spiritual condition have been enjoyed by those in attendance. The Normal session for teachers and those preparing to teach, held in August, was largely attended, and full of interest. The College is pleasantly located, and its boarding arrangements are home-like and satisfactory. President William Smith is an experienced and successful educator.

The Faculty for the coming year will include Prof. C. M. Galloway in the Chair of Languages, and Prof. Presser, late of the Boston Conservatory of Music, will have charge of the department of Music. The whole corps of teachers has been selected with care, and warrant the high degree of confidence reposed in the institution by its friends.

We commend this institution to the patronage of our people, and recommend the appointment as visitors and examiners for the coming year the pastors of our Churches in Xenia, Grace and Raper of Dayton, and of Springfield and Yellow Springs.

Hillsboro Female College.

THIS institution having been referred to a special committee, we only recommend:

1. That the Presiding Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. J. M'Dowell Mathews, D. D., as President.

2. That J. F. Chalfant, L. F. Van Cleve, A. Meharry, M. Dustin, L. Clark, S. D. Clayton, and C. Ferguson be appointed Trustees.

3. That the Presiding Elder of Hillsboro District and the pastors of Hillsboro and Greenfield be appointed Visiting and Examining Committee for current year.

Cincinnati Wesleyan College.

THIS institution for the education of young women, occupying the commodious and elegant structure on Wesley Avenue, enjoyed great prosperity during the past year, two hundred and thirty-four different pupils having been in attendance. The graduating class numbered nineteen members.

Rev. D. H. Moore, D. D., of this Conference, has been elected to the presidency. He enters upon his work at the opening of the College year, assisted by a large corps of experienced teachers.

That Dr. Moore has accepted this position, and enters upon his responsible work with marked ability and zeal, gives abundant reason for congratulation both to the College and its patrons. We feel assured that the institution, having a high reputation in the past, will be carried forward to a higher degree of prosperity under his administration.

The interior of the building has been newly painted and improved.

The College of Music (Prof. Carl Barus, Dean of the Faculty) deserves especial mention, and certainly offers unusual advantages to those seeking the mastery of this noble science.

The aim of the Wesleyan is to combine thoroughness of scholarship with genuine piety and true womanly culture.

We respectfully request the Presiding Bishop to appoint Rev. D. H. Moore, D. D., as President.

We also recommend the Conference to appoint, as a Committee of Examination for the ensuing year, the presiding elders of the Cincinnati Districts and the pastors of Wesley, York-street, Springfield, Urbana, Hamilton; Green-street, Piqua; and Lockland.

Expense Account.

IN the investigation of the affairs of Springfield Female College, necessary expense has been incurred by the Committee on that institution appointed last year. The bill of items is rendered, amounting to \$28.10. It is recommended that Conference direct the Board of Trustees of that institution to pay this bill.

Garrett Biblical Institute.

THE Visiting Committee for last year did not attend; but Rev. J. F. Loyd, being in attendance, gave special attention to the Institute and the character of its work. He expresses much satisfaction with the indications of efficiency and prosperity.

We recommend that T. H. Pearne, D. D., and Rev. D. J. Starr, A. M., be appointed the Visiting Committee for the ensuing year.

Alumni of Augusta College.

AUGUSTA COLLEGE, in the State of Kentucky, was founded by the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1825, and for many years was the only College under the control and patronage of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for many years occupied a commanding position among the literary institutions of our country. Many of its graduates have held, and now occupy most prominent positions, both in Church and State. In the midst of its career of usefulness the division of the Church occurred. The excitement against the institution became intense, in view of the antislavery position of its President and the Methodist Episcopal Church generally. This resulted in the repeal of its charter, in 1849, by the proslavery Legislature of the State of Kentucky. Some years after, all available endowment funds were transferred to the Ohio Wesleyan University.

Since the repeal of the charter the institution has had no legal existence, and its Alumni have been orphans, without a home; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That, in view of the foregoing statement of facts, we recommend to the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Wesleyan University, if it can be legally done, to incorporate the "Alumni" of Augusta College with the Alumni of the Ohio Wesleyan University, so far as it may be desired, subject to such conditions as were imposed upon its early graduates.

2. That a committee of Rev. W. I. Fee and J. W. Weakley, D. D., be appointed to confer with the Alumni of Augusta College, and forward the names of such as may desire it to the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Wesleyan University as applicants for adoption into the Alumni of said University.

Educational Collections.

RESOLVED, That the Disciplinary collections for education be appropriated to aid young men preparing for the ministry within the bounds of this Conference, and that this be under the direction of the Conference Educational Society.

S. B. SMITH, *Secretary.*L. D. M'CABE, *Chairman.*

D. H. MOORE,

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J. F. MARLAY,

J. R. WRIGHT,

J. COCHNOWER,

DR. J. DAVIS,

WM. SMITH.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUNDS.

EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Trinity, D. H. Moore.....	\$50 00
Pearl-street, A. Bowers.....	2 50
Goshen, J. F. Loyd.....	10 60
South Lebanon, R. S. Hagerman.....	50
Walnut Hills, A. B. Leonard..	17 00
Centenary, S. N. Marsh.....	1 00
Trinity, Xenia, D. J. Starr....	2 35
First Church, Xenia, M. A. Richards.....	5 00
Madisonville, S. Bennett.....	5 75
Asbury, received from Hitchcock & Walden, per J. C. Neye.....	3 00
Total.....	\$97 70

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

St. Paul's, C. H. Payne.....	\$100 00
Port Union and Glendale, W. H. Black.....	2 00
Cheviot, J. W. Sutherland.....	1 00
Winton Place, R. K. Deem....	6 25
Oxford, receipt per Rev. D. C. Vance.....	3 00
Lockland, S. B. Smith.....	4 00
Total.....	\$116 25

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Grace Church (paid Spence), T. H. Pearne.....	\$130 00
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Raper Chapel, W. A. Robin-

son.....	\$130 00
Middletown, F. M. Clemans...	1 00
Mulberry-street, Troy, J. T. Bail.....	1 50
New Carlisle, J. G. Black.....	1 10

Total.....\$263 60

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Jamestown, J. W. Mason.....	\$4 00
King's Creek, A. W. Tibbits...	1 45
Old Town, A. M. Griffith.....	2 00
South Charleston, W. B. Moler.	6 08
Total.....	\$13 53

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Greenfield, F. G. Mitchell.....	\$16 30
Butlersville, D. L. Haywood..	3 42
Total..	\$19 72

RIPLEY DISTRICT.

Ripley, S. Weeks.....	\$7 25
Bethel, D. D. Cheney.....	3 00
Batavia, L. M. Davis.....	1 00
Feesburg, W. M. Boyer.....	5 00
Georgetown, J. P. Porter.....	3 50
Manchester, G. T. Weaver.....	1 25
Marathon, W. T. M'Mullen...	1 10
Total.....	\$22 10

RECAPITULATION.

East Cincinnati District.....	\$97 70
West Cincinnati District.....	116 25
Dayton District.....	263 60
Springfield District.....	13 53
Hillsboro District.....	19 72
Ripley District.....	22 10
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	\$532 90
Receipts from Hitchcock & Walden.....	282 30
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Total cash on hand	\$250 60

WM. I. FEE, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE, IN PART.

THE name of this institution was changed by act of the Legislature, February 13, 1851, from Ohio Conference High-school to that of Springfield Female College and High-school. A bequest was made to this College by the late John M'Fadden, of Montgomery County, Ohio, devising from his estate \$1,500, which was increased, in the settlement of his estate, to \$1,800, and is subject to its own conditions only. By these conditions, it was given to the use of the Springfield Female College and High-school; but the original amount was to be preserved intact, and only the interest used; and in the event of the discontinuance of the institution, this bequest was to be under the control of the Cincinnati Annual Conference, for a similar purpose elsewhere. (See document, Will, No. 6.)

It is known that, in the Summer of 1869, the Springfield Female College and High-school suspended its operations, and has not since resumed; and the buildings have been leased to the Springfield Board of Common Schools, and more recently to a local corporation, over which the Conference has no control whatever. Hence, the proceeds of this bequest, then amounting to \$1,800, have been accumulating, and should, in the opinion of your Committee, be added to the principal. This, at six per cent per annum, for six years, or until 1875, would make an aggregate of \$2,448 in the treasury for the purpose named; and they beg leave to recommend that this fund be collected and placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Wesleyan University, the proceeds thereof to be used, in accordance with the terms of the will, for the promotion of education in said Ohio Wesleyan University; and if the Springfield Female College and High-school shall not resume operations, as its charter requires, then said fund be placed to the credit of the Cincinnati Annual Conference, in the name of the donor, for the permanent endowment of the said Ohio Wesleyan University, and as the fulfillment, in part, of the pledge of the said Conference for the endowment of said institution, by raising \$30,000 for the purpose.

Whereas, the charter provides that the patronizing Conference shall elect the Trustees of the Springfield Female College and High-school (a duty which has been neglected for several years last past), we propose for such Trustees the following named persons: Wm. C. Frye, John Deardoff, J. K. Mower, Wm. H. Coles, E. V. Van Orman, Henry S. Showers, Levi Geiger, Wm. R. Warnock, Wm. H. Sutherland, Wm. Herr, George W. Hoglen, R. D. Williams, James F. Pugsley, Wm. I. Ellsworth, Wm. Young, Charles Maguire, Henry Eugene Parrott, Henry C. Houston, L. F. Van Cleve; and on account of the many perplexing questions arising in the settlement of the affairs, of this institution, we recommend,—

1. That this report be published in the Conference Minutes, and the accompanying documents be placed in the hands of the Board of Trustees hereby appointed.

2. That this Board of Trustees be, and they are hereby, authorized to make such disposition of the realty as they may deem just and wise, and to temporarily dispose of the M'Fadden bequest as is recommended in the foregoing report; and that they take all necessary legal steps to carry into effect the same.

L. F. VAN CLEVE, *Chairman*.

WM. HERR,

WM. H. SUTHERLAND,

THOS. J. HARRIS, *Secretary*.

WM. I. ELLSWORTH,

WM. YOUNG.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

THE Committee on the State of the Church, having thoughtfully considered the subjects referred to us, beg leave to recommend that the General Conference be requested to so change the Discipline that the Annual Conferences shall elect their presiding elders. That from these the presiding Bishop shall make his appointments to the districts. The districts shall be arranged and the preachers appointed to the several charges by the Bishop, with the advice and consent of the presiding elders of the year preceding. And we also request said General Conference to make all the changes necessary in the text of the Discipline to fully carry into effect these provisions. That we deem it inexpedient to change the limit of the pastoral term from three to five years.

L. F. VAN CLEVE, *Secretary*.

M. DUSTIN, *Chairman*.

REPORT ON PERIODICAL AND BOOK CONCERN.

1. THE Committee on Periodicals and Book Concern Claims report that they find an indebtedness, by pastors, to the Book Concern, so large in amount and of so long standing, that if it is not soon reduced, it must certainly, ere long, embarrass the business of the publishing house; and we recommend the Agents, if practicable, to adopt some more effective methods of collection.

2. That we recommend the Book Agents to provide such a system of statistical blanks for the pastors as will exhibit the circulation of periodicals within our Annual Conference bounds each year.

3. That, editorially, our Church periodicals are guided with marked ability and discretion, and are of character to commend themselves as household companions for children and adults, and we recognize them as indispensable helpers in the pastorates over which God has appointed us to feed his flock.

4. The *Quarterly Review* maintains its high position as one of the leading periodicals of its class, an honor not only to our Church, but to the country at large. In its various editorial departments, and particularly that of book notices, it is, in our judgment, without an equal.

A. LOWREY, *Chairman*.

M. A. RICHARDS, *Secretary*.

REPORT ON CENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE.

WHEREAS, the dealings of God with our nation during the century which closes with the present year have been so marked and signal that our Church and people ought to seek, by appropriate religious services, to declare their faith in Him that ruleth among the nations of the world, and their gratitude for the manifold blessings which He has bestowed upon us; and,

WHEREAS, this gratitude should have appropriate expression in liberal contributions to our educational institutions, the better to conserve and perpetuate the government under which we have had so great peace and prosperity; therefore,

Resolved, That our centennial services shall begin with the appropriate observance of the "Children's Day"—the first Sabbath in June—and that, to the programme appointed by the Bishops an additional Sabbath between the Children's Day and July 4th shall be given in each station and at each appointment in our Conference.

Resolved, That we will observe the following order of the last General Conference :

"The gifts of our people shall be devoted to the cause of education, and shall be applied either to a local or a general object. The local object shall be the endowment of educational institutions under the patronage of the Annual Conferences and the increase of existing educational funds. The "general object" shall be the aid of needy young men called to the ministry or needy young women called to the missionary work in our Church in preparing for their respective spheres of duty, and the contributions for this object, together with all contributions not designated for other objects, shall constitute a fund to be known as the *National Centenary Fund*, to be held in trust and administered by the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the principal forever to remain intact, the interest alone to be used for the above-named purposes, under such regulations as the General Conference shall from time to time prescribe."

1. *Resolved*, That the local object above named shall be Ohio Wesleyan University, and that we will endeavor to raise \$30,000 to endow a Cincinnati Conference Professorship.

2. *Resolved*, That all other contributions from our people to other educational institutions of our Church shall be reported as a part of our centennial offering.

J. M. WALDEN, *Chairman*.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

WE are more than ever persuaded that the Sunday-school is the great agent in the conversion of the children of the land, and the great auxiliary of the Church in increasing its membership. We are persuaded, also, that the great success of the Sunday-school cause during the past year, the organization of 539 new schools, the addition of 6,050 teachers, and the ingathering of 56,791 scholars, is due largely to the systematic course of study and training so generally adopted now. We therefore heartily commend the Sunday-school to the middle-aged and the aged, as well as the young; and recommend that classes for the aged be organized in all our schools.

We commend it to parents, not as an institution to supplant parental obligation to train up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, but to stimulate, direct, and supplement their efforts, and recommend their presence in the school as often as possible.

As a part of the Church, we recommend it to pastors, to their general oversight, and hearty co-operation, by both counsel and active labor.

We recommend that, wherever possible, Methodist Sunday-schools be organized according to the Disciplinary plan, and that *special* attention be given to the directions respecting superintendents, teachers, examinations, reports, literature, missionary collections, and normal classes.

We recommend that the "Berean Series" of Sunday-school instruction be adopted by all schools throughout our connection; and that teachers' meetings be held for the careful preparation of the lesson, and the best method of giving instruction; and that we urge the presence of the teachers at all these meetings.

We recommend that, as far as possible, teachers of practical Christian experience be secured, and especially for Bible classes; and that where competent teachers can not be found for such classes, that the pastor take the charge.

We recommend that, in every charge, institutes be held, conducted by competent leaders, and aided by the officers and managers of the Sunday-school Union, to which our Sunday-school workers shall be invited; and further, that the general Sunday-school work may increase and abound more and more, let us urge upon our people more liberal contributions to this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,

E. BURDSALL, *Secretary*.

J. B. ELLSWORTH, *President*.

D. L. HAYWARD,

C. J. WOLF,

J. L. GREGG,

CAPT. D. L. BARRET.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION.

EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Xenia: First Church.....	\$5 00	Grace, Piqua.....	\$2 00
South Lebanon.....	50	Raper, Dayton.....	9 25
Goshen.....	2 65	Grace Church, Dayton	9 10
Centenary.....	1 00	Middle:own.....	40
Grace Church, Avondale.....	1 25	Fairfield.....	3 60
Asbury.....	3 00		<hr/>
M'Kendree.....	2 00		\$38 48
Wesley Chapel, Cincinnati.....	3 50		
Christie.....	2 00		
Trinity.....	25 00		
Madisonville.....	25 75		
Mt. Washington.....	5 00		
Walnut Hills.....	10 00		
Trinity, Xenia.....	2 36		
Pearl-street.....	2 00		
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	\$91 01		

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Cheviot.....	\$2 00
Cumminsville.....	10 00
Lockland.....	5 00
Oxford.....	4 00
Caunden.....	1 80
Harrison.....	2 50
Hartwell and Carthage.....	7 00
Eaton.....	5 00
Bethany.....	1 00
St. Paul.....	50 00
Winton Place.....	1 00
North Bend.....	1 35
Hamilton.....	5 00
Port Union.....	2 00
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	\$97 65

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Miamisburg.....	\$2 35
Troy: Mulberry.....	2 00
Franklin.....	2 55
New Carlisle.....	3 23
St. Paris and Lena.....	2 00
Fletcher.....	2 00

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Jamestown.....	\$5 00
Catawba.....	1 20
Urbana: First Church.....	10 00
Moorefield.....	1 00
High-street, Springfield.....	8 50
South Charleston.....	4 35
Old Town.....	2 50
King's Creek.....	2 00
Central Church.....	1 00
Urbana: Second Church.....	4 50
Cedarville.....	5 05
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	\$45 10

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Greenfield.....	\$3 00
Highland.....	3 50
Wilmington.....	5 25
Butlerville.....	2 40
Lynchburg.....	2 30
Winchester.....	2 00
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	\$18 45

RIPLEY DISTRICT.

Ripley.....	\$10 35
Manchester.....	4 00
Bethel.....	3 00
Marathon.....	1 85
Georgetown.....	8 00
Batavia.....	4 20
West Union.....	85
Feesburg.....	1 50
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	\$33 75

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

East Cincinnati District—24 charges: 9 blanks; 15 reported.....	\$91 01
Increase over last year.....	\$33 26
West Cincinnati District—25 charges: 11 blanks; 14 reported.....	97 65
Increase.....	3 55
Dayton District—23 charges: 12 blanks; 11 reported.....	38 48
Increase.....	89
Springfield District—19 charges: 8 blanks; 11 reported	45 10
Decrease.....	12 80

Hillsboro District—13 charges: 7 blanks; 6 reported.....	\$18 45
Increase	2 65
Ripley District—15 charges: 7 blanks; 8 reported.....	33 75
Increase	3 66
Total amount raised	\$324 44
Total increase.....	33 75

S. B. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

REPORT ON THE FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

THIS Society was called into existence for a work essential to our Church enterprise in the South, which did not legitimately come within the province of any of our benevolent societies, and has for its aims the education, elevation, and evangelization of the emancipated slaves of the United States.

The entire South is incorporated as the field in which this Society operates, from the Ohio River and the Potomac to the Gulf of Mexico and the Rio Grande. Texas alone is equal, in extent of territory, to forty-nine States the size of Connecticut. This vast missionary field lies at our very doors. We have not to cross oceans and deserts to reach it; a few hours, or days, of travel will bring us to any part of this vineyard. Its inhabitants number more than four millions—more than one-twentieth of the sons of Africa at our very doors crying for help.

Providence has but two recognized modes of evangelization: by sending Christians into pagandom, and sending pagans into Christendom.

We would have it remembered, also, that their language is our own. Teachers may begin at once to teach and preach. It is not necessary to spend months and years to learn a foreign language before commencing labor. These people are in a condition of ignorance, degradation, and superstition. They are what centuries of oppression will render any race of people. They have been made chattels, bought and sold as beasts in market; they have been shut up in darkness and ignorance; and now that they have been liberated from corporal bondage, they are still groaning for mental and spiritual freedom.

The South has never enjoyed the privilege of free public-schools, and this system of education wants to be inaugurated. As yet, only a few schools have been organized along the railroads and coast; but these have been sufficient to impart partial instruction to only one-eighth of the population.

They want help; *they need it*; THEY MUST HAVE IT!

More than three hundred thousand dollars have been expended by this Society in educational work in the South, and more than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars have been permanently invested in school property. The amount of money expended annually in the support of these schools depends upon the number and advancement of the pupils, and ranges from two to twenty-five hundred dollars.

The collections of the Cincinnati Conference for the year 1873-4 aggregated \$2,460.06; for the year 1874-5, aggregated \$4,876.26, almost

double the collections for the previous year. This ought to be increased still further for the ensuing year.

THE WORK YET TO BE DONE.

1. The preparation of young men called of God to preach the Gospel. There is needed one hundred every year for our Southern work. Only a few of these have even an elementary education. They must be trained in the doctrines of the Bible and our Church. This is the great work we are pushing with all our energy.

2. The preparation of young men and women to teach school, that they may become pioneers in the elevation of their race. In elevating a race, help must come from its own ranks.

3. The elevation of the colored women of the South. No race can be elevated while the wives, mothers, and daughters are subjects of lust and vice. Our female teachers visit the homes of the freedmen, inculcate the importance of economy, neatness, industry, virtue, and religion, in addition to their labors in the day and Sunday-school.

4. For the accomplishment of this work, our Biblical and Normal Schools must be sustained, additional buildings must be erected for schools and boarding purposes, salaries of teachers paid, apparatus and libraries furnished.

Therefore be it—

Resolved, That our preachers lay this cause before their several churches as supplementary to our Missionary Society, and employ all their influence to incite the membership to respond more liberally to the call of this Society.

S. F. CONREY, *Chairman*.

J. C. AMBROSE, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Of the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Cincinnati Conference.

EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Wesley Chapel, W. I. Fee.....	\$12 91	Walnut Hills, A. B. Leonard..	200 00
Trinity, D. H. Moore.....	1,500 00	Waynesville, C. Ferguson.....	15 00
Asbury, John C. Nye.....	95 00	Madisonville, Silas Bennett.....	78 75
M'Kendree, Geo. W. Kelley...	10 00	Pendleton and Columbia, J.	
Pearl-street, A. Bowers.....	1 50	Verity.....	21 00
Xenia: First Church, M. A.		Total.....	\$2,194 08
Richards.....	43 25		
Trinity, D. J. Starr.....	23 90		
Camp Dennison, C. H. Lawton	17 17		
Mount Auburn, J. N. Irvin....	101 00		
South Lebanon, R. S. Hageman	50		
Miami Circuit, C. H. Kalbfus..	5 50		
Goshen, John F. Loyd.....	19 25		
Morrow, B. F. Dimmick.....	3 35		
Centenary, S. N. Marsh.....	1 00		
Grace: Avondale, Jno. T. Short	5 00		
New Burlington, Jno. F. Hull.	20 00		
Mt. Washington, M. Kauffman	20 00		

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Christie Chapel, Jas. Murray...	\$35 00
Fair Haven, W. B. Jackson.....	6 50
Fairmount, A. D. Raleigh.....	10 25
Seven Mile, B. S. January.....	5 00
Winton Place, R. K. Deem.....	3 00
Harrison, F. S. Davis.....	5 00
Camden, John S. Pumphrey.....	10 00
Cummins ville and West Union,	
Wm. N. Brodbeck.....	58 35
Cheviot, John W. Sutherland...	10 00

Eaton, John F. Marlay.....	\$30 00
Bethany, W. Q. Shannon.....	2 50
Oxford, D. C. Vance.....	12 00
North Bend, J. C. Boltin.....	5 00
Venice, John Wilson.....	10 00
St. Paul, C. H. Payne.....	1,222 70
Lockland, S. B. Smith.....	12 25
New Paris, J. J. Hill.....	1 50
Hamilton, T. J. Harris.....	20 00
Port Union, W. H. Black.....	10 00
Total.....	\$1,469 05

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Lewisburg Circuit, T. D. W.	
Peak.....	\$4 75
Red Lion and Springboro, S. W.	
Carey.....	7 90
Miamisburg, M. Dustin.....	7 65
Fletcher, W. F. Mappin.....	11 85
Franklin, S. A. Brewster.....	11 00
Middletown, F. M. Clemans....	80
Dayton: Grace, T. H. Pearne....	153 13
Raper, W. A. Robinson.....	58 00
St. Paris and Lena, Jno. Pearson	48 00
Troy, James T. Bail.....	15 65
Monroe, A. Hamilton.....	6 00
Piqua: Green street, James	
Stephenson.....	100 00
Grace, J. F. Conrey.....	5 00
Fairfield, G. H. Kennedy.....	1 00
Total.....	\$430 73

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Moorefield, E. Burdsall.....	\$19 00
Jamestown, J. W. Mason.....	20 00
Urbana: First Church, Wm. H.	
Sutherland.....	77 60
Second Church, Geo. H. Dart.	45 00
South Charleston, William B.	
Moler.....	57 65
Old Town, A. M. Griffith.....	1 50

Grand Total..... \$4,882.26

Springfield: High-street, Wm.	
L. Hypes.....	\$107 53
Center-street, E. T. Wells.....	136 20
Catawba, John Vance.....	2 25
King's Creek, A. W. Tibbits....	7 00
Union Circuit, J. P. Shultz.....	44 42
Mechanicsburg, Wm. Fitzgerald	84 00
Yellow Springs, Geo. C. Crum..	7 00
Lockington, C. J. Wells.....	5 00
North Lewisburg, A. U. Beall...	2 00
Cedarville, Henry Stokes.....	3 50
Mingo, J. M. Robinson.....	1 00

Total..... \$620 65

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Lynchburg, D. Whitmer.....	\$25 00
Westchester, S. W. Edmiston...	10 50
Butlerville, D. L. Hayward.....	6 20
New Lexington, J. M'K. Shultz	10 00
Sardinia, W. Mahon.....	11 00
Bowersville, E. M. Cole.....	8 00
Greenfield, F. G. Mitchell.....	14 00

Total..... \$84 70

RIPLEY DISTRICT.

Decatur, J. L. Gregg.....	\$15 75
Marathon, W. T. M'ullen.....	1 75
Ripley, S. Weeks.....	10 25
Bethel, D. D. Cheney.....	12 00
Manchester, Geo. T. Weaver....	2 25
Feesburg, W. M. Boyer.....	10 10
Batavia, L. M. Davis.....	3 65
Amelia, N. H. Prince.....	9 00
Georgetown, J. P. Porter.....	11 00
Laurel, F. Hypes.....	2 00
New Richmond, J. H. Whitney	2 30
West Union, W. J. Quarry.....	3 00

Total..... \$83 05

A. BOWERS, Treasurer.

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

REGARDING the American Bible Society as one of the heaven-approved instrumentalities for the evangelization of the world, and rejoicing in the past success of the cause, your Committee recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we cordially commend the Bible Cause to the hearty and liberal support of all the Churches in our bounds, and that the collections be taken just preceding the anniversary of the Auxiliary Bible Societies, and be paid to the treasurer of the respective auxiliaries.

2. *Resolved*, That we respectfully request the Presiding Bishop to reappoint Rev. W. Herr to the office of District Superintendent for the American Bible Society for Southern Ohio.

S. W. EDMISTON,
W. J. QUARRY,

S. A. BREWSTER,
SILAS BENNETT.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

YOUR Committee would beg leave to report,

1. That we recognize the necessity of as nearly an uniform plan of finance in all our Churches as possible; hence, we would urge upon all our ministers and stewards to labor for the accomplishment of this end.

2. To approximate this plan of uniformity we would recommend that the steward or stewards of each society, assisted by two or three judicious members of the society, take a list of all the members and make a fair and equitable assessment of the amount to be raised, and then bring the assessment thus made before the society or otherwise, as the steward may deem best, and get every member to agree to pay the amount assessed against him or some other just amount, weekly or quarterly, as may be agreed upon, and let a quarterly and annual report be made by the steward to the society of all moneys received from the members and how appropriated.

3. We recommend to our preachers to nominate, and our Quarterly Conferences only to elect, such men to the office of stewards as have religious and business qualifications for the office, as so much of our financial success depends upon their efficiency and fidelity, and that our pastors urge upon them the responsibility of their trust.

4. That we recommend to all our charges to allow the pastors a generous support, as it can not be expected that a pastor, embarrassed in his means of living, or who is struggling to maintain his family upon a meagre allowance, can give his undivided attention to his legitimate work. We also desire that the district stewards do the same for our presiding elders.

5. That all our preachers be requested to have this report read to their congregations as soon as practicable, and urge upon them its adoption.

S. W. CAREY, *Secretary*.

E. C. SMITH, *Chairman*.

REPORT ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

ALTHOUGH this society is comparatively in its infancy, and its purposes and operations not well understood, yet it has accomplished, and is still accomplishing, immeasurable good in aiding the weak and destitute portions of the Church in erecting and improving their church edifices, and lifting heavy burdens of debt from others, which in return

become fountains of remuneration. It is, therefore, worthy of our unqualified support and entitled to our Christian liberality.

J. M'K. SHULTZ,
M. P. ZINK,
A. W. TIBBITS.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

J. F. CHALFANT, P. E.

Cincinnati: Trinity, D. H.	
Moore.....	\$169 33
Walnut Hills, A. B. Leonard.	518 50
Mt. Auburn, J. N. Irvin.....	10 00
Wesley Chapel, W. I. Fee...	19 33
Grace, Avondale, John T.	
Short.....	3 00
Asbury, John C. Nye, Treas-	
urer.....	24 59
Mt. Washington, M. Kauffman	20 00
New Burlington, J. F. Hull...	14 00
Centenary, S. N. Marsh.....	5 00
Milford, T. J. Euans.....	3 67
Goshen, J. F. Loyd.....	26 35
Miami, C. H. Kalbfus.....	15 00
South Lebanon, R. S. Hage-	
man.....	3 10
M'Kendree, Geo. W. Kelley...	2 70
Xenia: First Church, M. A.	
Richards.....	26 00
Xenia: Trinity, D. J. Starr....	26 00
Lebanon, Wm. Runyan.....	6 00
Camp Dennison, C. H. Lawton	17 00
Pearl Street, A. Bowers.....	3 00
Madisonville, S. Bennett.....	48 00
Total.....	\$960 57
Increase over last year.....	561 22

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

C. W. KETCHAM, P. E.

Eaton, J. F. Marlay.....	\$18 00
Fair Haven and Sugar Valley,	
W. B. Jackson.....	6 60
Venice, John Wilson.....	10 00
Bethany, W. Q. Shannon.....	5 00
Harrison, F. S. Davis.....	5 00
Cheviot, J. W. Sutherland.....	10 00
Cummins ville and Mt. Union,	
W. N. Brodbeck.....	4 25
Oxford, D. C. Vance.....	15 00
Camden, J. S. Pumphrey.....	4 00
Lockland, S. B. Smith.....	14 00
St. Paul Church, C. H. Payne..	500 00
North Bend, J. C. Boltin.....	8 00

Winton Place, R. K. Deem....	\$4 00
New Paris, J. J. Hill.....	3 35
Hamilton, T. J. Harris.....	20 00
Port Union and Glendale, W.	
H. Black.....	10 00
Christie Chapel, Jas. Murray..	30 50
Total.....	\$658 70
Increase over last year.....	282 95

DAYTON DISTRICT.

J. W. WEAKLEY, P. E.

Troy, J. T. Bail.....	\$10 00
Franklin, S. A. Brewster.....	10 05
Dayton, Grace Church, T. H.	
Pearne.....	66 00
Davisson Chapel, W. N. Williams	1 06
Addison, G. M. Edgar.....	2 55
New Carlisle, J. G. Black.....	11 00
Miamisburg, M. Dustin.....	7 65
Fletcher, W. F. Mappin.....	19 65
Monroe, A. Hamilton.....	10 00
Red Lion and Springboro, S. W.	
Carey.....	8 20
St. Paris and Lena, John Pear-	
son.....	12 00
Green Street, Piqua, J. Steven-	
son.....	10 00
Middletown, F. M. Clemans....	50
Lockington, C. J. Wells.....	2 00
Concord, C. T. Crum.....	5 00
Total.....	\$175 66
Decrease from last year....	106 60

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

J. W. CASSATT, P. E.

High-street, W. L. Hypes.....	\$70 85
Central, E. T. Wells.....	61 55
Moorefield, E. Burdsall.....	13 10
Union, J. P. Shultz.....	12 27
South Charleston, W. B. Moler.	25 95
Old Town, A. M. Griffith.....	6 00
Urbana, First Church, W. H.	
Sutherland.....	30 00
Mechanicsburg, W. Fitzgerald..	34 60
Catawba, J. Vance.....	3 00

Yellow Springs, G. C. Crum....	\$6 50
Second Charge, Urbana, George	
H. Dart.....	32 45
North Lewisburg, Alfred U.	
Beall.....	2 00
Jamestown, J. W. Mason.....	25 00
Mingo, J. M. Robinson.....	1 20
King's Creek, A. W. Tibbits....	20 50
Total.....	\$345 17
Increase over last year.....	82 97

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

S. D. CLAYTON, P. E.

Winchester, J. W. Edmiston....	\$10 00
Lynchburg, D. Whitmer.....	15 00
Greenfield, F. G. Mitchell.....	14 00
Butlerville, D. L. Hayward.....	13 40
Bowersville, S. M. Cole.....	6 85
Wilmington, L. F. Van Cleve...	7 00
Sardinia, W. Mahon.....	9 00
New Lexington, J. W. M'K.	
Shultz.....	25 00
Highland, R. E. Smith.....	3 60

Sinking Springs, J. R. Hunter..	\$13 90
Total.....	\$116 75
Increase over last year.....	24 65

RIPLEY DISTRICT.

G. MOODY, P. E.

Laurel, F. Hypes.....	\$2 50
Marathon, W. T. M'Mullen.....	1 75
Batavia, L. M. Davis.....	18 63
Bethel, D. D. Cheney.....	5 00
Georgetown, J. P. Porter.....	15 00
Manchester, Geo. T. Weaver...	5 00
Amelia, N. H. Prince.....	15 00
Feesburg, W. M. Boyer.....	6 00
New Richmond, J. S. Whitney.	80
Decatur, J. S. Gregg.....	15 70

Total.....	\$85 38
Increase over last year.....	18 53

Total for Conference.....	\$2,276 63
Increase over last year...	600 12

MADISON A. RICHARDS, *Treasurer.*

REPORT ON TRACT CAUSE.

CONSIDERING that our Tract Society is accomplishing so much good, and would do so much more if supported as it should be, all lovers of righteousness will give it their hearty approval. This approval we, with other Conferences from time to time express in our reports, at the same time expressing with equal freeness our regrets that so little is given in our collections, and that so many Churches take no collections. In this cause which so greatly contributes to the prosperity of our missionary work both home and foreign, which aids not a little our Sabbath-schools and all other departments of the work of God, we do feel that it is time for us to do something more than admire the excellency of this cause and sorrow we do so little for it and with it; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That, inasmuch as the taking up of collections for this cause as well as the practical operations of this work in auxiliary societies, or with previously appointed Tract Committees in our charges, as most evidently the sowing of good seed from which we have reason to expect good and abundant fruit, we do agree, as members of this Conference, to take up, or encourage the taking up of, our annual Tract Collection within the next six or eight weeks, unless there be very special reasons for waiting longer.

2. *Resolved*, That, immediately following the taking up our collections, if not before, we will commence some systematic and efficient plan of tract distribution for ourselves and people.

3. *Resolved*, That we will seek to have our people well educated and enthusiastic in this good work.

C. H. LAWTON, *Secretary.*T. DE WITT PEAK, *President.*

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TRACT SOCIETY.

EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Cincinnati: Wesley Chapel, W.

I. Fee.....	.....
Trinity, D. H. Moore.....	\$12 00
Asbury, J. E. Gilbert.....	3 00
Pearl Street, A. Bowers.....	2 00
Mt. Auburn, J. N. Irvin.....	.....
Walnut Hills, A. B. Leonard	10 00
Grace Church, J. T. Short....	00 10
M'Kendree, G. W. Kelley.....	2 00
Pendleton and Columbia, J.	.....
Verity .....	.....
Madisonville, Silas Bennett....	15 75
Mt. Washington, M. Kauffman.	5 00
Camp Dennison Circuit, C. H.	.....
Lawton .....	.....
Milford, T. J. Euans .....	.....
Centenary, S. N. Marsh.....	1 00
Loveland and Mainville, H. C.	.....
Middleton .....	.....
Lebanon, Wm. Runyan.....	.....
South Lebanon and Zoar, R. S.	.....
Hagerman.....	0 50
Goshen, J. F. Loyd.....	2 65
Morrow, B. F. Dimmick.....	1 25
Waynesville, C. Ferguson.....	.....
New Burlington, J. F. Hull.....	.....
Xenia: First Church, M. A.	.....
Richards.....	5 00
Trinity, D. J. Starr.....	2 35
Miami Circuit, C. H. Kalbfus...	.....

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Cincinnati: St. Paul, C. H.

Payne.....	\$30 00
St. John's, Thos. Collett.....	.....
Christie, James Murray.....	2 00
Finley, E. M'Hugh.....	.....
York Street, A. N. Spahr.....	.....
M'Lean, Wm. Young.....	.....
Fairmount, A. D. Raleigh.....	.....
Cummins ville and West Union,	.....
W. N. Brodbeck.....	8 00
Winton Place, R. K. Deem.....	1 75
Hartwell and Carthage, H.	.....
Tuckley.....	3 00
Lockland, S. B. Smith.....	5 00
Port Union and Glendale, W.	.....
H. Black.....	2 00
Cheviot, J. W. Sutherland.....	2 00
Bethany, W. Q. Shannon.....	1 00
Hamilton, T. J. Harris.....	5 00
Oxford, D. C. Vance.....	5 00
Venice, John Wilson.....	.....

Harrison, F. S. Davis.....	\$1 50
North Bend, J. C. Boltin.....	5 00
Eaton, J. F. Marlay.....	.....
Camden, J. S. Pumphrey.....	1 50
Macedonia, H. Johnson.....	.....
Seven Mile, B. F. January.....	.....
New Paris, J. J. Hill.....	.....
Fair Haven and Sugar Valley,	.....
W. B. Jackson.....	.....

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Dayton: Grace Church, T. H.	.....
Pearne.....	\$6 00
Sears Street.....	.....
Raper, W. A. Robinson.....	9 25
Davisson, Wm. N. Williams...	.....
Troy, J. T. Bail	2 00
Tippecanoe, C. F. Gowdy.....	1 25
Addison, G. M. Edgar.....	.....
Concord, C. T. Crum.....	.....
Lewisburg, T. D. W. Peak..	2 80
Winchester and Germantown, G.	.....
L. Travis.....	.....
Piqua: Green-st, Jas. Stephenson	.....
Grace Church, J. F. Conrey...	.....
Lockington, C. J. Wells.....	.....
Fletcher, W. F. Mappin.....	1 70
St. Paris and Lena, J. Pearson...	3 00
Brant, J. B. Ellsworth.....	2 25
Miamisburg, M. Dustin.....	2 35
Franklin, S. A. Brewster.....	5 08
Red Lion and Springboro, S. W.	.....
Carey.....	.....
Fairfield, G. H. Kennedy.....	.....
New Carlisle, J. G. Black.....	3 00
Middletown, F. M. Clemans.....	0 34
Monroe, A. Hamilton.....	.....

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Springfield: Central Church, E.	.....
T. Wells.....	\$1 00
High-street, W. L. Hypes.....	8 50
Urbana: First Church, W. H.	.....
Sutherland .....	.....
Second Church, G. H. Dart....	4 50
King's Creek, A. W. Tibbits....	1 75
Mingo and Tabor, J. M. Robin-	.....
son.....	.....
North Lewisburg, A. U. Beall...	.....
East Liberty, E. P. James.....	.....
Tremont, C. Kalbfus.....	.....
Mechanicsburg, W. Fitzgerald...	.....
Catawba, John Vance.....	1 10
Moorefield, E. Burdsall.....	.....

South Charleston, W. B. Moler.....	Georgetown, J. P. Porter.....\$3 00
Yellow Springs, G. C. Crum.....	New Richmond, J. S. Whitney... ..
Old Town, A. M. Griffith.....\$2 50	Decatur, J. L. Gregg.....
Jamestown, J. W. Mason..... 6 00	Manchester, Geo. T. Weaver..... 1 50
Cedarville, H. Stokes..... 5 05	Moscow, E. C. Smith.....
Union, J. P. Shultz.....	Laurel, F. Hypes.....
Merrittstown, ———,	Amelia, N. Prince.....

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Hillsboro: L. Clark.....	
Greenfield, F. G. Mitchell..... 3 00	
New Lexington, J. M'K. Shultz. 2 00	
Highland, R. E. Smith..... 3 50	
Sinking Springs, J. R. Hunter... ..	
Wilmington, L. F. Van Cleve... 5 25	
Bowersville, E. M. Cole.....	
Clarksville, J. H. Middleton.....	
Lynchburg, D. Whitmer..... 1 00	
Sardinia, Wm. Mahon.....	
Winchester, S. W. Edmiston..... 3 00	
Butlerville, D. L. Hayward..... 2 50	

RIPLEY DISTRICT.

Ripley: S. Weeks.....\$9 00	
Felicity, H. M. Keck.....	

Batavia, L. M. Davis..... 4 20	
Williamsburg, Henry Miller.....	
Marathon, Wm. T. M'Mullen... ..	
Bethel, D. D. Cheney..... 3 00	
Feesburg, W. M. Boyer..... 4 50	
West Union, W. J. Quarry.....	

RECAPITULATION.

East Cincinnati District.....\$62 60	
West Cincinnati District..... 72 75	
Dayton District..... 39 02	
Springfield District..... 80 40	
Hillsboro District..... 20 25	
Ripley District..... 25 20	

Total.....\$250 22

C. F. GOWDY, *Treasurer.*

REPORT ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

IN view of the prevailing disregard of God's law concerning the Sabbath, it is highly important that the voice of the Church be clear on this subject. We, therefore, submit the following:

1. The Divine law, "Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy," is not limited to any age, people, or country, but is of universal application; general and State governments, corporations and individuals being alike under obligation to observe it.

2. The civil law against Sabbath desecration should be enforced by the civil authorities, and we hold them guilty of unwarranted neglect of duty so long as those laws are a dead letter upon our statute-books.

3. Not forgetting the apostolic injunction to "avoid the appearance of evil," we should discourage all practices that bear a suspicious resemblance to the Sabbath-breaking, which we condemn in the irreligious.

4. We regard the opening of art halls, public libraries, and similar places of resort on the Sabbath day not only wrong in itself, but believe that its tendency is to produce a more general laxity on the subject of Sabbath desecration, and that it should, therefore, be discouraged by all Christian people.

J. M. WALDEN,

J. VANCE, *Chairman.*

W. A. ROBINSON,

R. K. DEEM, *Secretary.*

W. M. BOYER,

A. B. LEONARD.

Rev. G. Moody offered the following resolution, which, after full consideration, was adopted:

Resolved, That we earnestly request all our preachers and members to do all in their power to prevent any desecration of the holy Sabbath, and

especially in the management of any camp-meeting that may be held by the authority and under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

REPORT ON PARSONAGES.

THE Committee on Parsonages beg leave to report that there were last year seventy-nine parsonages within the bounds of our Conference. The average number of additions annually made is about one and a half. The present year is, however, an exception, as the statistics of this Conference indicate a decrease of two, notwithstanding one is known to have been added by Port Union Charge. On several charges, therefore, parsonages heretofore reported must, by some means, have passed out of the hands of the Church, or there must be a failure to make a full report.

As there are about thirty charges still destitute of parsonages, it will, at the former rate of increase, take about twenty years to furnish every charge to which married ministers are appointed, to give every one a parsonage. But some of the presiding elder's districts are sufficiently defined to enable the Churches in those districts also to begin the enterprise of erecting suitable dwellings to accommodate presiding elders. By vigorously prosecuting this enterprise, by both ministers and people, especially the latter, and applying the large sums annually paid for rent, every charge would soon be furnished with a parsonage.

Your Committee would offer for adoption the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we urge all the members of this Conference, who may be appointed to charges destitute of parsonages, to use great diligence to procure them.

2. *Resolved*, That we declare it as the manifest duty of all our brethren who occupy parsonages to see that they are furnished with suitable, heavy furniture, kept in good repair, beautified with shade-trees and shrubbery, and utilized with fruit-trees and every available convenience.

3. *Resolved*, That we respectfully request the constant observance on the part of pastors, people, and presiding elders, of the provisions of the Discipline on this subject.

G. M. EDGAR, *President*.

M. KAUFFMAN, *Secretary*.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

OUR principles are known. Our people are aware, and the world should know, that we believe it to be the divine will that alcoholic liquors should be neither manufactured nor used as a beverage, and that only unfermented wine is proper for sacramental purposes. We need, therefore, only to urge all to conform more and more to Bible teaching in this regard. Every man, woman, and child should be pledged to total abstinence. To reach such a result, all organizations which seek to neulate total abstinence principles and practices should be encouraged. Let our Sabbath-schools become temperance societies. Let the pledge be carried into the family that parents and children, by

signing it, may declare their purpose to keep alcohol from their home. Hold public meetings and temperance concerts just as often as will promote the cause. Let each and all be *determined, diligent, untiring, and persistent* in their efforts. Let there be *earnest, united, fervent* prayer to God. Let there be *calm and constant* reliance upon his almighty arm until the prevalence of *voluntary total abstinence*, guarded by *enforced legal prohibition*, shall indicate a millennium begun.

JOHN F. LOYD, *Secretary.*

THOS. COLLETT, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COLLECTIONS OF EPISCOPAL FUND.

EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Cincinnati: Wesley Chapel, W.	
I. Fee.....	\$25 00
Trinity, D. H. Moore.....	75 00
M'Kendree, G. W. Kelley ..	5 00
Pendleton and Columbia, J.	
Verity.....	3 50
Pearl-street, A. Bowers.....	13 00
Asbury, J. C. Nye, Treas....	20 00
Grace, J. T. Short.....	10 00
Mt. Auburn, J. N. Irvin.....	10 00
Walnut Hills, A. B. Leonard	80 35
Milford, T. J. Euans.....	1 71
Mt. Washington, M. Kauffman	12 25
Madisonville, Silas Bennett....	8 00
Lebanon, Wm. Runyan.....	6 00
Xenia: Trinity, D. J. Starr....	10 41
Waynesville, C. Ferguson.....	4 00
New Burlington, J. F. Hull....	10 00
Miami, C. H. Kalbfus.....	20 01
Centenary, S. N. Marsh.....	10 00
South Lebanon, R. S. Hage-	
man	1 00
Goshen, J. F. Loyd.....	5 50
Morrow, B. F. Dimmick.....	3 50
Xenia: First M. E. Church, M.	
A. Richards.....	10 00
For District.....	\$344 23
Collection last year.....	257 26
Increase	\$86 97

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Cincinnati: St. Paul, C. H.	
Payne.....	\$90 00
York-street, A. N. Spahr....	8 00
Fair Haven and Sugar Valley,	
W. B. Jackson.....	3 20
Winton Place, R. K. Deem....	5 00
Eaton, J. F. Marlay.....	13 00
Harrison, F. S. Davis.....	6 00

Bethany, W. Q. Shannon.....	\$4 00
Hartwell and Carthage, Henry	
Tuckley.....	9 00
North Bend, J. C. Boltin.....	2 00
Venice, John Wilson.....	6 00
Oxford, D. C. Vance.....	6 00
Cumminsville and West Union,	
W. N. Brodbeck.....	5 80
Camden, J. S. Pumphrey.....	7 40
Cheviot, J. W. Sutherland.....	1 00
Lockland, S. B. Smith.....	30 00
Port Union and Glendale, W.	
H. Black.....	15 00
Hamilton, T. J. Harris.....	5 50
For District.....	\$216 90
Collection last year.....	230 12
Decrease.....	\$12 22

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Dayton: Grace, T. H. Pearne..	\$36 00
Raper, W. A. Robinson.....	20 00
Middletown, F. M. Clemans ..	5 00
Red Lion and Springboro, S.	
W. Carey.....	5 30
Miamisburg, M. Dustin	9 30
Lewisburg, T. D. W. Peak.....	15 45
Piqua: Green-street, J. Steph-	
enson	10 00
Fletcher, W. F. Mappin.....	10 30
New Carlisle, J. G. Black	6 15
Troy: Mulberry-street, J. T.	
Bail	10 00
Franklin, S. A. Brewster.....	5 00
Tippecanoe, S. F. Gowdy.....	2 25
Winchester and Germantown,	
G. L. Travis.....	2 40
Lockington, C. J. Wells.....	4 00
Brant, J. B. Ellsworth.....	9 00
Addison, Geo. M. Edgar.....	7 60
Davisson Chapel, W. N. Wil-	
liams	1 00

Monroe, A. Hamilton.....	\$2 00
Concord Circuit, Carey T. Crum	10 00
For District.....	\$170 75
Collection last year.....	129 35

Increase..... \$41 40

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Wilmington, L. F. Van Cleve.	\$9 80
Greenfield, F. G. Mitchell.....	6 00
Highland, R. E. Smith.....	10 00
Sardinia, W. Mahon.....	10 25
Clarksville, J. B. Middleton....	5 00
Winchester, S. W. Edmiston...	10 00
Bowersville, E. M. Cole.....	7 10
Lynchburg, D. Whitmer.....	8 75
Butlerville, D. L. Hayward....	9 10
Hillsboro, L. Clark.....	6 00
New Lexington, J. M'K. Shultz	5 00

For District.....	\$87 00
Collection last year.....	48 07

Increase..... \$38 93

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Springfield: Central, E. T. Wells.....	\$11 78
High-street, W. L. Hypes....	15 27
Urbana: First Church, W. H. Sutherland.....	13 20
Second Church, Geo. H. Dart	20 00
Jamestown, J. W. Mason.....	6 00
Yellow Springs, Geo. C. Crum.	4 00
South Charleston, Wm. B. Moler.....	2 53
Union, J. P. Shultz.....	15 36
Mechanicsburg, W. Fitzgerald	12 80
North Lewisburg, A. U. Beall	2 00
Old Town, A. M. Griffith.....	3 00
King's Creek, A. W. Tibbits...	20 50

Cedarville, H. Stokes.....	\$1 35
Moorefield, E. Burdsall.....	13 10
Catawba, J. Vance.....	5 50
East Liberty, E. P. James.....	5 00
Mingo, J. M. Robinson.....	2 60

For District.....	\$153 99
Collection last year.....	115 33

Increase \$38 66

RIPLEY DISTRICT.

Feesburg, W. M. Boyer.....	\$10 10
Marathon, W. T. M'Mullen....	2 40
Batavia, L. M. Davis.....	14 90
New Richmond, J. S. Whitney	5 60
Moscow, E. C. Smith.....	2 00
Manchester, Geo. T. Weaver...	2 00
Laurel, F. Hypes.....	22 68
West Union, W. J. Quarry....	6 15
Georgetown, J. P. Porter.....	7 00
Amelia, N. H. Prince.....	13 00
Williamsburg, H. Miller.....	4 00

For District.....	\$89 83
Collection last year.....	75 16

Increase \$14 67

RECAPITULATION.

East Cincinnati District.....	\$344 23
West Cincinnati District.....	216 90
Dayton District.....	170 75
Hillsboro District.....	87 00
Springfield District.....	153 99
Ripley District.....	89 83

Total from Districts.....	\$1,062 70
Collection last year.....	840 14

Increase..... \$222 56

J. W. SUTHERLAND, *Treasurer.*

ADDRESS OF REV. J. F. WRIGHT, D. D., CONFERENCE EVANGELIST.

To the Bishops and Members of the Cincinnati Conference:

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—Since we assembled in our last session, a year ago, on the 30th of July, 1875, I completed my eightieth year in life. On the 14th of August, I entered the sixty-third year of my spiritual life, and shall soon close the sixty-first year of my ministerial labors in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At the tenth verse of the ninetieth Psalm, the inspired David has furnished an appropriate and beautiful comment on the state and pros-

pects of those who have attained to my age. It reads thus: "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."

This labor and sorrow indicates the infirmities of age, with their attendant troubles. And if the man of fourscore years performs any work, it may be expected his physical strength, being so small, will be exhausted, and sometimes, as the good book has it, "the grasshopper shall become a burden."

Sorrow may refer to the loss of many endeared friends—the death of children—and it often happens the grand center of the home circle, the wife, the mother, is taken, which may overwhelm the entire household with sorrow. So far, I have realized but little sorrow, compared with many others; yet I have had enough to train my mind and heart so as to have an experience to appreciate the sufferings of others, and have a heart overflowing with sympathy for the comfort and relief of the afflicted and the bereaved.

I have tried to keep the words and example of St. Paul before me: "The father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."

I know not what sorrow may await me in my short remnant of life. I have placed implicit TRUST in my Almighty Savior in all the labor and sorrow that he may permit to come upon me. By his help I will endure it all, as seeing him who is invisible, and until I am cut off from time.

The last clause in the sentence is full of consolation to the Christian—the faithful believer in Christ.

"And we fly away." This must refer to the pure and well prepared souls making their exit from earth to heaven. Not fly away as did Enoch and Elijah, but like Stephen, Lazarus, Alfred Cookman, and Thomas M. Eddy. O! what triumph did he realize when he saw eternity dawn! O! let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.

My endeared brethren, it is hardly to be expected that I shall be present to answer at roll-call at your next annual session. Whether I shall live that long or die sooner, I solicit your earnest prayers that I may be holy, and have an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. I shall anticipate the arrival of many who listen to this address, and hope to see them in that better land where there is no sorrow.

ADDRESS TO DR. J. F. WRIGHT.

Rev. John F. Wright, D. D.:

DEAR FATHER AND BROTHER,—The Cincinnati Annual Conference, through their Committee, return you greetings. Your report of evangelistic labors, and your testimony in the matter of religious experience, afforded us unspeakable pleasure.

We congratulate you that you have, at our Father's pleasure, reached your fourscore years, and that "a hoary head found in the way of righteousness" is by you shown to be "a crown of glory."

We congratulate you on growing old so sweetly, keeping, as you do, abreast of the Church in all true progress, and yet mellowing as ripening fruit.

Your long and active life has made its impress on this age. May God keep you in physical health and spiritual peace through the time to come.

We cordially remember you in prayer, asking the Lord, through Jesus our Redeemer, to still "cover you with his wings;" and as he has "satisfied you with long life, to show you his salvation."

Grant us your benediction and your prayers, that we may faithfully till the soil which you so largely assisted in clearing.

Grace, mercy, and peace be multiplied to you through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Signed on behalf of the Conference.

A. LOWREY,
SYLVESTER WEEKS,
GRANVILLE MOODY.

LETTER FROM DR. BUTLER.

To the Bishops and members of the Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—I hereby certify that the moral and ministerial character of Rev. Charles W. Drees, A. M., a member of your body, has been, during the past year, unexceptionable, and that he is worthy of the continued confidence and affection of his brethren.

Having made this formal statement, as in duty bound, I would ask your permission to add that I regard brother Drees as an honor to his Conference and his Church, and one of the noblest and most devoted missionaries that the Lord Christ has ever sent forth.

He occupies to-day the post of honor in Mexico, in his critical position in the city of Puebla; so that more depends upon his prudence, his courage, and his Christian zeal than upon any other man in this mission. But he stands his ground like a true apostle of God, and He whose he is, and whom he serves, and who will yet crown him with glory and honor, has him in his holy keeping, and will, I trust, still keep him.

My fathers and brethren, pray for this precious young missionary. Never forget him. Intercede with God to bring down upon him and his labors the unction of the Holy Spirit, and may "the pleasure of the Lord prosper in his hands!"

Last Sunday, the 15th inst., in the presence of a congregation of one hundred and eighty Mexicans, he had the joy of consecrating to Methodist worship his beautiful little church, once the Examining Chapel of the Romish Inquisition! It was enough to make the skeletons of the martyrs, whose remains he had taken out of the adjoining cells, lift their bony hands to heaven in joy and gratitude, that "the morning light" of such an evangelical day had dawned at last upon Puebla and the scene of their sufferings. To God be all the glory.

I remain, dear fathers and brethren, yours very respectfully,

WM. BUTLER,

Superintendent of the Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, August 17, 1875.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

APPOINTMENTS.	Sabbath-school.	Congregation..	TOTAL.
EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.			
Cincinnati: Wesley Chapel, by Rev. W. I. Fee, \$25 of which, from H. Gaither, for Foreign Missions.....	\$109 13	\$226 27	\$375 40
Trinity, by Rev. D. H. Moore.....			1,300 08
Asbury, by Rev. John C. Nye.....			237 62
Pearl street, by Rev. A. Bowers.....	37 90	103 22	141 12
Mt. Auburn, by Rev. J. N. Irwin.....			132 39
Walnut Hills, by Rev. A. B. Leonard.....			1,021 74
Grace Church, by Rev. J. T. Short.....	56 34	19 35	75 69
M'Kendree, by Rev. G. W. Kelley.....	40 00	60 00	100 00
Pendleton and Columbia, by Rev. J. Verity...			37 90
Madisonville, by Rev. Silas Bennett.....	123 37	188 63	312 00
Mt. Washington, by Rev. M. Kauffman.....	27 80	97 20	125 00
Camp Dennison, by Rev. C. H. Lawton.....	8 15	56 25	64 40
Milford, by Rev. T. J. Euans.....			27 75
Centenary, by Rev. S. N. Marsh.....	10 00	82 00	92 00
Loveland and Mainville, by Rev. H. C. Middleton			.....
Lebanon, by Rev. Wm. Runyan.....	23 92	76 08	100 00
South Lebanon & Zoar, by Rev. R. S. Hageman..			10 00
Goshen, by Rev. J. F. Loyd.....	44 13	57 37	101 50
Morrow, by Rev. B. F. Dimmick.....			19 25
Waynesville, by Rev. C. Ferguson.....	52 00	98 00	150 00
New Burlington, by Rev. J. F. Hull.....		116 00	116 00
Xenia: First Church, by Rev. M. A. Richards...	149 90	150 10	300 00
Trinity, by Rev. D. J. Starr.....	20 00	140 60	160 60
Miami, by Rev. C. H. Kalbfus.....	8 01	72 00	80 01
Total.....			\$5,080 45
WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.			
Cincinnati: St. Paul, by Rev. C. H. Payne.....	\$1000 00	\$2,023 97	\$3,023 97
St. John's, by Rev. T. Collett.....		32 75	32 75
Christie, by Rev. J. Murray.....	104 05	452 25	556 30
Finley, by Rev. E. M'Hugh.....	41 00	32 50	73 50
York-street, by Rev. A. N. Spahr.....			110 32
M'Lean, by Rev. Wm. Young.....			24 00
Fairmount, by Rev. A. D. Raleigh.....			40 00
Cumminsville and West Union, by Rev. Wm. N. Brodbeck.....			.90 05
Winton Place, by Rev. R. K. Deem.....	73 86	81 50	155 36
Hartwell and Carthage, by Rev. H. Tuckley.....			120 00
Lockland, by Rev. S. B. Smith.....			351 00
Port Union and Glendale, by Rev. W. H. Black..	15 00	85 00	100 00
Cheviot, by Rev. J. W. Sutherland.....	16 75	83 25	100 00
Bethany, by Rev. W. Q. Shannon.....	25 50	44 50	70 00
Hamilton, by Rev. T. J. Harris.....			278 30
Oxford, by Rev. D. C. Vance.....	23 25	156 75	180 00
Venice, by Rev. J. Wilson.....	3 50	67 50	71 00

APPOINTMENTS.	Sabbath-school.	Congregation ..	TOTAL.
Harrison, by Rev. F. S. Davis.....		\$50 00	\$50 00
North Bend, by Rev. J. C. Boltin.....			40 00
Eaton, by Rev. J. F. Marlay.....	\$104 46	90 50	194 96
Camden, by Rev. J. S. Pumphrey.....			50 00
Macedonia, by Rev. H. Johnson.....			12 45
Seven-Mile, by Rev. B. F. January.....			50 00
New Paris, by Rev. J. J. Hill.....		20 40	20 40
Fair Haven and Sugar Valley, by Rev. W. B. Jackson.....			27 00
Total.....			\$5,821 36
DAYTON DISTRICT.			
Dayton: Grace Church, by Rev. T. H. Pearne...	\$303 09	\$435 70	\$828 79
Sears-street			4 00
Raper, by Rev. W. A. Robinson.....	300 00	200 00	500 00
Davisson, by Rev. W. N. Williams		17 00	17 00
Troy: Mulberry-street, by Rev. J. T. Bail.....		181 08	181 08
Tippecanoe, by Rev. C. F. Gowdy.....		8 20	8 20
Addison, by Rev. G. M. Edgar.....		58 70	58 70
Concord, by Rev. C. T. Crum.....			35 00
Lewisburg, by Rev. T. De Witt Peak.....		50 85	50 85
Winchester & Germantown, by Rev. J. L. Travis		15 00	15 00
Piqua: Green-street, by Rev. J. Stephenson.....	100 00	70 00	170 00
Grace Church, by Rev. J. F. Conrey.....		15 00	15 00
Lockington, by Rev. C. J. Wells.....		44 00	44 00
Fletcher, by Rev. W. F. Mappin.....	76 70	28 55	105 25
St. Paris and Lena, by Rev. J. Pearson.....	5 00	75 00	80 00
Brant, by Rev. J. B. Ellsworth.....		26 00	26 00
Miamisburg, by Rev. M. Dustin.....	20 00	56 30	76 30
Franklin, by Rev. S. A. Brewster.....	70 00		70 00
Red Lion and Springboro, by Rev. S. W. Carey..	15 15	81 85	97 00
Fairfield, by Rev. G. H. Kennedy.....			56 12
New Carlisle, by Rev. J. G. Black.....	15 25	64 00	79 25
Middletown, by Rev. F. M. Clemans.....	150 05		150 05
Monroe, by Rev. A. Hamilton.....		119 25	119 25
Total.....			\$2,786 84
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.			
Springfield: Central Church, by Rev. E. T. Wells	\$125 45	\$257 30	\$382 75
High-street, by Rev. W. L. Hypes.....	209 00	241 71	450 71
Urbana: First Church, by Rev. W. H. Sutherland		275 50	275 50
Second Church, by Rev. G. H. Dart.....	39 48	229 90	269 38
King's Creek, by Rev. A. W. Tibbits.....		102 25	102 25
Mingo and Tabor, by Rev. J. M. Robinson.....		19 40	19 40
North Lewisburg, by Rev. A. U. Beall.....		70 00	70 00
East Liberty, by Rev. E. P. James.....		40 00	40 00
Tremont, by Rev. C. Kalbfus.....		75 10	75 10
Mechanicsburg, by Rev. W. Fitzgerald.....		127 60	127 60
Catawba, by Rev. J. Vance.....		100 00	100 00
Moorefield, by Rev. E. Burdsall.....	30 20	75 00	105 20
South Charleston, by Rev. W. B. Moler.....	37 03	213 28	250 31
Yellow Springs, by Rev. G. C. Crum.....	31 00	53 29	84 29
Old Town, by Rev. A. M. Griffith.....		27 00	27 00

APPOINTMENTS.	Sabbath-school.	Congregation...	TOTAL.
Jamestown, by Rev. J. W. Mason.....	\$48 63	\$55 16	\$103 79
Cedarville, by Rev. H. Stokes.....		153 15	153 15
Union, by Rev. J. P. Shultz.....		258 37	258 37
Total.....			\$2,894 80
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.			
Hillsboro, by Rev. L. Clark.....	\$106 20	\$154 60	\$260 80
Greenfield, by Rev. F. G. Mitchell.....	27 50	96 20	123 70
New Lexington, by Rev. J. M'K. Shultz.....		137 00	137 00
Highland, by Rev. R. E. Smith.....	16 00	93 00	109 00
Sinking Springs, by Rev. J. R. Hunter.....	15 00	202 35	217 35
Wilmington, by Rev. L. F. Van Cleve.....		86 81	86 81
Bowersville, by Rev. E. M. Cole.....		85 56	85 56
Clarksville, by Rev. J. H. Middleton.....	10 00	165 00	175 00
Lynchburg, by Rev. D. Whitmer.....		140 00	140 00
Sardinia, by Rev. W. Mahon.....		75 00	75 00
Winchester, by Rev. S. W. Edmiston.....		147 15	147 15
Butlerville, by Rev. D. L. Hayward.....	13 40	197 95	216 65
Samantha.....			
Total.....			\$1,774 02
RIPLEY DISTRICT.			
Ripley, by Rev. S. Weeks.....	\$21 10	\$133 25	\$154 35
Felicity, by Rev. H. M. Keck.....		40 00	40 00
Georgetown, by Rev. J. P. Porter.....	4 00	66 00	70 00
New Richmond, by Rev. J. S. Whitney.....		44 95	44 95
Decatur, by Rev. J. L. Gregg.....		173 00	173 00
Manchester, by Rev. G. T. Weaver.....		40 00	40 00
Moscow, by Rev. E. C. Smith.....	40 00	20 00	60 00
Laurel, by Rev. F. Hypes.....		118 13	118 13
Amelia, by Rev. N. Prince.....		70 00	70 00
Batavia, by Rev. L. M. Davis.....		62 90	62 90
Williamsburg, by Rev. H. Miller.....			
Marathon, by Rev. W. T. M'Mullen.....		17 75	17 75
Bethel, by Rev. D. D. Cheney.....		38 00	38 00
Feesburg, by Rev. W. M. Boyer.....		86 00	86 00
West Union, by Rev. W. J. Quarry.....		70 00	70 00
Total.....			\$1,045 08

Bequests.

Estate of Miss Mary Muntz, deceased, by Rev. L. Clark.....	\$10 00
Thomas Robinson, Olive Branch, Amelia Cir., by Rev. N. H. Prince.....	169 66
Total.....	\$179 66

Recapitulation.

East Cincinnati District.....	\$5,079 45
West Cincinnati District.....	5,821 36
Dayton District.....	2,786 84
Springfield District.....	2,894 80
Hillsboro District.....	1,774 02
Ripley District.....	1,045 08

Total from Districts.....	\$19,401 55
Bequests.....	179 66
Grand total.....	\$19,581 28

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Paid for publishing report in Minutes.....	\$25 00
Paid Hitchcock & Walden, as per receipts.....	7,986 10
Paid Hitchcock & Walden, cash.....	11,565 11
Paid for Society Satchel.....	5 00
	\$19,581 21

J. FORD CONREY, *Treasurer.*

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

Columbia.....	\$200
Pendleton	200
M'Lean	200
Fairmount and Camp Washington.....	100
Finley.....	100
Davissou Chapel.....	200
Sears-street Mission.....	200
Total.....	\$1,200

PRESIDING ELDERS.

AN ABSTRACT OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Of the Preacher's Relief Society of the Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the year ending September 8, 1875.

CAPITAL STOCK.

Loan notes secured by mortgage on real estate and good personal security.....	\$10,042 22
Donation from Mrs. Adam Riddle, not yet productive..	1,000 00
Bequest of John Letter, soon to be received.....	1,000 00
The Roberts mortgage note, not yet productive.....	300 00
Railroad stock.....	100 00
Annual subscription of members.....	84 00
Basket collection at anniversary.....	26 11
Special donations.....	20 00
Six per cent notes given at the anniversary.....	1,700 00
Total.....	\$14,272 33

RECEIPTS FOR DISBURSEMENT.

Interest due up to this date.....	\$571 47
Increase of capital stock over last year.....	4,510 63

WILLIAM YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

MEMOIRS.

REV. WILLIAM ROUTLEDGE.

WILLIAM ROUTLEDGE was born in Kirkuswald, Cumberland County, England, August 24, 1806, where he resided until 1832, when he and his eldest sister emigrated to America, and settled near Worcester, Mass. Here he assisted in forming a class, and became its first leader; here he was licensed to exhort and to preach, and here he was married to his now bereaved widow May 12, 1834.

About two years later, he removed to Ohio and located in Old Town, where he continued to reside until 1843, when he was admitted into the Ohio Annual Conference. He was ordained deacon at Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 30, 1838, by Bishop Waugh; and elder at Chillicothe, Ohio, Oct 1, 1843, by Bishop Soule. His effective ministry comprised a period of twenty-seven years, and he received successively the following appointments: 1843, Milton; 1844-5, Eaton; 1846, Troy; 1847, Union; 1848-9, Miami; 1850-51, North Bend; 1852, Fulton; 1853-4, Milford; 1855-6, Felicity; 1857-8, Waynesville; 1859-60, South Charleston; 1861, Miami again; 1862-3, Centenary; 1864-6, Mainville; 1867-8, Amelia; 1869, New Town. This was his last appointment, he being granted a superannuated relation at the Conference of 1870, held in Piqua.

As a Christian, brother Routledge was *sincere*. When eighteen years of age, he became awakened on the subject of religion, and in about two months he was enabled by faith to experience the remission of his sins. Thereafter he sought and obtained the evidence of a pure heart, and continued to live and profess a full salvation during the remainder of his life. As a preacher, he was *earnest* and *effective*. His sermons abounded in Scriptural illustrations, and evinced the most careful preparation. As a pastor, he was *diligent*. He made it a rule to visit, converse and pray with every member of his charge. As a disciplinarian, he was *strict*. He loved the rules of the Church, and enforced them for conscience' sake.

Brother Routledge had a partial stroke of paralysis some years ago, which disabled him from ministerial labor. This was followed by two other attacks, the last of which occurred on the evening of April 21, 1875. He lingered until April 28, when, at one o'clock in the morning, his spirit vacated its tenement of clay and entered the mansion of eternal rest. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

S. N. MARSH.

E. C. SMITH.

REV. M. G. PURKHISER.

THE subject of this memoir, Rev. MICAH GILBERT PURKHISER, was born in Washington Township, Clermont County, Ohio, October 15th, A. D. 1813.

Brother Purkhiser was reared to the occupation of a farmer, and hence became early familiar with the privations and toils incident to

this important calling. His meagre educational advantages were so industriously employed as to fit him for the work of school-teaching, which occupation employed portions of his early manhood's years.

When in his nineteenth year he attended a camp-meeting held on the Gregg Camp-ground, and being convinced by the Spirit of God that he needed a new heart, kneeled at the same altar of penitence with R. S. (now bishop) Foster; and, at about the hour of midnight, received the precious evidence of the divine adoption. The next morning, August 28, 1832, he gave his name to the Church, from the records of which it has never been erased. Being only transferred from one position to another until, on the morning of the 29th of April, 1875, it was inscribed upon the roll of the "white-robed company" surrounding the eternal throne.

Soon after his conversion, the Church, recognizing the spirit that was in him, called him to official position in the capacity of an exhorter. This relation he sustained with honor until the Summer of 1834, at which time he was licensed to preach. After exercising his gifts as a local preacher for the space of one year, he was recommended to the traveling connection, received on trial by the Ohio Annual Conference, and appointed to Monroe Circuit, in Michigan Territory. It was no ordinary sacrifice for the diffident young man to leave behind him the associations he held most dear and start for this distant and rugged field. The work for which he had gone forth was immediately commenced by preaching in the Court-house, in the town of Monroe, on the evening of his arrival. During the year he rode about two thousand miles, preached nearly two hundred times, obtained many seals to his ministry, and for his support received the modest sum of \$47.37½.

His second appointment was to Spring Arbor Circuit, also in Michigan Territory, as the colleague of Rev. J. Kinnear.

During this year certain conference boundaries were so changed as to leave brother Purkhiser outside the bounds of his chosen Ohio Conference. He attended, however, the session of his Conference in Michigan, and received deacon's orders at the hands of Bishop Roberts.

Finding it impossible to secure a transfer to Ohio, he asked, and was granted, a location. This was not done with any expectation of laying aside the active work of the ministry, but because of an intimation that, by so doing, he could obtain work in Ohio under the direction of a presiding elder, and subsequently regain his conference standing.

The Ohio Conference met this year in Xenia, and at the close of the session brother Purkhiser was gratified to learn that he was to be employed as assistant preacher on Georgetown Circuit.

At the close of the year, bearing a recommendation from the Quarterly Conference of Georgetown Circuit, he attended, for the first time, the session of the Ohio Conference, held in Columbus, and presided over by Bishop Waugh. He was readmitted to the Conference, and (very much to his astonishment) appointed to the West Charge, Cincinnati, as the colleague of William H. Raper.

The next session of the Conference was held in Ninth-street Church, Cincinnati, at which time brother Purkhiser attained to the full order of the Christian ministry, being ordained elder by Bishop Soule on Sunday, September 22, 1839.

His next appointment was to Batavia Circuit, where he remained for two years with William Parrish, preacher-in-charge. On the 14th of April, 1840, he was united in marriage to Miss Pamela Morris, of Batavia.

His subsequent appointments were: 1841, Fulton; 1842-3, Guyandotte, West Virginia; 1844, Frankfort; 1845-6, West Union; 1847, Highland; 1848, New Lexington; 1849, West White Oak; 1850-1, New Richmond; 1852-3, Goshen; 1854-5, Clarksville; 1856-7, Highland; 1858-9, Lynchburg; 1860-1, New Market; 1862, Union; 1863, Miamisburg and Germantown; 1864, New Paris; 1865-7, Highland; 1868, Sinking Springs. Of these last named appointments he had charge, except one year at New Market, with J. R. Stilwell, and one at Union, with J. G. Black. He had as colleagues during these years, in addition to those named, James F. Dolliver, J. M. Gatch, William H. Sutherland, Jacob Holmes, J. W. Fowble, H. M. Curry, E. G. West, J. C. Maddy, Isaac Neff, J. H. Herron, G. M. Edgar, William N. Maxey, J. M. Walden, George H. Dart, J. H. Middleton, and Thomas Loyd.

At the Conference of 1869, which met in Hillsboro, brother Purkhiser, feeling the weight of accumulating years and the growing responsibilities of an afflicted son, whom he could no longer safely leave at night, asked a supernumerary relation, which was freely granted him. He then removed with his family from Sinking Springs to a farm, previously purchased, about four and one-half miles north-east from Hillsboro, where he expected to pass the evening of life in peace and quietude.

The Winter of 1874-5 was one of protracted affliction in the family of brother Purkhiser, requiring his presence at home almost constantly. He felt the consequent privation, but murmured not. In the Spring of 1875 he was attacked by an obstinate case of jaundice, which it was found impossible to remove.

He was frequently visited by ministerial and other brethren and spoken to upon the subject of death. To him the great foe of our humanity discovered no frightful mien. His expressions were *always* prompt, clear, and satisfactory. Such expressions as "I know whom I have believed;" "I have the cordial and the balm," were of frequent occurrence. At another time he said, "The wires are laid and the poles are all up from stony point to head-quarters." When asked, the evening before his death, if he had a message to his brethren of the Conference, he said, "Tell them I am triumphing gloriously. Tell them to preach Jesus and the resurrection and they need have no fear of death." His funeral sermon was preached by his presiding elder, Rev. S. D. Clayton, from 2 Cor. iv, 17: "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us," etc. The mortal part was then borne to its resting-place in the cemetery at New Boston, near which he had lived and died.

A prince and a mighty man in Israel has fallen; but he fell with the victor's palm in his uplifted hand, and the conqueror's crown upon his saintly brow. His preaching "was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." As an administrator of discipline, he was conscientious and faithful. As a friend and counselor, he could be safely trusted. As a husband and father, he was kind, mild, and loving, looking *well* to the ways of his

household and scorning to eat the bread of idleness. As a Christian, he lived in an atmosphere of cheerfulness and love, promptly performing every known duty and constantly seeking divine guidance in the small as well as great affairs of life. Surely the world is better and heaven richer for his having lived and died.

R. E. SMITH.

REV. N. C. PARRISH.

REV. NATHANIEL CONREY PARRISH, son of the late Rev. William Parrish, was born in West Chester, Ohio, August 17, 1834.

February 2, 1863, he was married to Miss Susan Jarratt, who thenceforth shared with him, as an efficient helpmeet, the toils and joys of life, and who yet survives.

In 1855, while a student in Brookville College, he was happily converted and received into the Church under the ministry of the late Dr. T. M. Eddy. He soon after felt impressed that he was called by the Holy Ghost to preach the Gospel; but so difficult did he find it to abandon his life plans that he did not give himself up to that work for nearly ten years. At last his convictions became so settled and thorough, that to hesitate longer seemed a sin, and he at once applied for work in the Kentucky Conference, and was employed by the presiding elder on Vanceburg Charge.

In the Fall of 1865 he was admitted to the Cincinnati Conference, and appointed to Venice Circuit. His subsequent appointments were as follows; namely, in 1866-7, to Wayne-street, Piqua; 1867-8, Carr-street, Cincinnati; 1868-9, Venice Circuit; 1869-70, Miami Circuit; in 1871, to Morrow Station, where he remained three years. At the Conference of 1873 failing health warned him to rest for a season, and he asked a superannuated relation.

Most of the following Winter was spent in travel, and health was so far restored that he was able to fill out the unexpired term of the lamented brother Curry on Fletcher Circuit. Here, however, his unremitting labor proved too severe a strain upon his enfeebled powers, and he again received a superannuated relation. A complication of diseases baffled the skill of physicans, and gradually there came to him the conviction that his work was done. Though lingering many months, he never preached again.

Dr. Parrish was a man of sterling worth. Like a true son of Wesley, he knew "the rules of a preacher, especially the first, tenth, and twelfth, and kept them for conscience' sake." Of him it could be truthfully said, he was "diligent, never unemployed, never triflingly employed." During his entire ministry he was in the habit of spending from six to ten hours per day in study. Theology, the languages and the sciences were his delight.

As a preacher he was earnest, practical, and often eloquent. His sermons were prepared with great care, his themes well selected, and his style attractive. His aim seemed to be to keep the consciences of his hearers constantly aroused while Christ was affectionately presented.

As a pastor he was faithful. He knew his people intimately, visiting

them frequently and seeking opportunities to do them good. With the irreligious he maintained a dignified familiarity that honored his office, made him hosts of friends, and gave him large audiences to hear his preaching. He had a happy faculty of interesting children, and diligently instructed them in all his charges. He believed in our book of Discipline, and sought with firmness and great prudence to have it observed by all over whom he had pastoral oversight.

His religious experience was of a steady and joyous character. His conversion was never doubted. He walked in the light, and to him were granted many seasons of blissful revelation and holy delight. In his last illness, which was often exceedingly painful, he was wonderfully sustained. Some of his utterances were, "I should like to live to preach Christ, but if it is God's will for me to suffer or die, I submit joyfully." "His will is always good." "It is wonderful how I am sustained." "During all these weeks not a cloud has obscured my sky." When asked for a message for the brethren of his conference, he said: "Give them all my love; I might send them an exhortation to faithfulness, but they are all good men and I will only send them my love." For his only child, a little son of five, he expressed some anxiety, but said that he could confidently commend him to the same God who had been a father to him in his orphanage. His last sentence was a message exhorting his sister and brothers to meet him in heaven. Calmly he passed from the labor and pain of earth, on Monday, February 15, 1875, to the reward of heaven.

R. K. DEEM.

REV. ERWIN HOUSE.

ERWIN HOUSE was born at Worthington, nine miles north of Columbus, Ohio, February 17, 1824. His parents, Lyman B. and Sarah House, were natives of New Haven, Connecticut. At the age of thirteen, during a religious awakening in Lockland, nine miles north of Cincinnati, he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the Fall of 1841, he entered the Woodward College, Cincinnati, graduating in 1846.

In 1849 he was granted license as a local minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, by the Quarterly Conference of Ninth-street (now Trinity Church), Cincinnati. In 1865 he was admitted into the Cincinnati Conference. As early as 1837, Mr. House commenced contributing to the newspaper press, and in 1847 was employed as assistant editor of the *Ladies' Repository*. From March, 1851, to December, 1852, he had sole editorial charge of this magazine, when, by the Book Committee, D. W. Clark was appointed its editor.

His first published work, "Sketches for the Young," a 16mo of 320 pages, appeared in 1847, and rapidly passed through five editions. Later he published the following works: "The Missionary in Many Lands," "The Homilist," the "Scripture Cabinet," and the "Sunday-School Hand-book."

The temperance cause had in him an active and efficient worker, an able and hearty advocate. His fame as a Sunday-school author, speaker, and worker, was recognized not only in his own Church, but widely outside. As a speaker to children he had very few equals. Dignified, win-

ning in tone and manner, rich and apt in illustrating truth, he never lacked for listeners. As a writer he was terse and compact, at times highly imaginative and picturesque, yet never turgid or bombastic.

In an editorial capacity Mr. House served the Church without the interruption of a week, for more than twenty-five years. He was associated in his editorial work with the following, some of whom are not now living: Bishop L. L. Hamline, Charles Elliott, Bishop Edward Thomson, Bishop Matthew Simpson, Dr. B. F. Tefft, Professor W. C. Larrabee, Bishop D. W. Clark, Bishop Calvin Kingsley, Dr. J. Morrison Reid, Bishop I. W. Wiley, Bishop S. M. Merrill and Dr. F. S. Hoyt, the present editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*. Modest, unpretentious in manner, honest in purpose, Mr. House sought the welfare of others rather than his own advancement. He gave himself entirely, in glad and life-long service to the advancement of the cause of Christ in the earth. He was earnest in his devotion to the Church, systematic and generous in his benefactions—catholic-hearted toward the whole world.

Mr. House was married, August, 1848, to Miss Margaret Davis. Of four children, but one survives, Alice House, who was born April, 1865.

He worked up to the last hour of life. The afternoon of his last day, May 20, 1875, found him in the discharge of his duties as assistant editor. He was in the fullness of his manhood and of his strength, possessing in an unusual degree the esteem and confidence of the Church. He was beloved wherever known, his friends were legion. His reputation, already extended, was widening. His great efficiency was on the increase. He was in the Book-room building, and was descending the stairs between the editorial and composing rooms. The air was filled with invisible spirits. Round about him were chariots and horses of fire. He was to be translated that he should not see death. It was needful that one be near him to catch the falling clay. Such a one, a brother and fellow-laborer, was at hand, but a step or two in advance of him. The lips rounded a last utterance, "O Doctor, Doctor, catch me." His body dropped in the arms of his editorial associate, his spirit joined the General Assembly and Church of the first-born. Earth is much poorer, heaven is far richer, now that he is absent from us. We shall meet him in the "sweet bye and bye."

Though a Church officer and a public man, he never forgot the Mount Auburn Methodist Episcopal Church for one hour. He bore it upon his heart and before God always. He was the life of the prayer-meeting. He was devotedly attached to the Sunday-school, and has most nobly and ineffaceably graven himself upon the hearts of his Bible-class scholars. He was a thorough and prayerful student of the Divine Word, and was endlessly various in his methods of teaching it. He had rare, almost unparalleled, facility and tact in this respect. Whether he preached or prayed or sung, or taught the Bible, or gave a lecture, or informally talked, he was equally acceptable to and beloved by his brethren.

The funeral services took place in the Methodist Episcopal Church on Mount Auburn. Though the day was rainy, the church was crowded to excess. The citizens of Mount Auburn, the employes of the Book Concern, more than twenty-five clergymen of the Methodist denomination,

and hundreds of friends gathered to pay their last respects to the remains of the departed. We choose these utterances from many spoken on that occasion:

Said Dr. Hoyt: "The memory of his virtues and excellences and numberless kindnesses will be gratefully and warmly cherished to the end of life."

Said Dr. Hitchcock: "If Erwin House was not ready to die at a moment's warning I know not where to look in the whole range of my acquaintance for one who is."

Said Dr. J. M. Reid: "He was intent on usefulness. His usefulness was in all his ways. He was true; had always a good purpose and plainly pursued it, and plans and concealments were needless. His nature was child-like in its simplicity and transparency—never narrow, never mean."

Said Bishop Foster: "There is a marked feature of his character and life I must call attention to—a trait rarely found—his tireless industry in pious endeavor outside of his immediate vocation. It is a rule, I think, with good men even, when they have a special calling which reasonably occupies their time, to excuse themselves from other services for the public. It was not so with Erwin House. For thirty years his official duties were remarkably heavy,—full of endless and wearisome details. But, instead of making this an excuse, reasonable as it would have been, he only departed from the toil of the office to enter into other services of the Church."

Bishop Wiley said: "He had known brother House intimately, had been in the office alongside of him for eight years. To know him was to love him—one could not help loving him. He was ready to die. The summons came, and in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, he was gone from us. He closed his eyes on earth, he opened them in heaven.

JOHN N. IRVIN.

MRS. REV. P. A. OGDEN.

MRS. MARTHA G. OGDEN, daughter of James and Prudence Given, was born in Morgantown, Berks County, Pennsylvania, on the 26th of March, 1805. From a child she feared the Lord. Favorable circumstances nurtured this religious principle. In her earliest years her father's house was a home of welcome and comfort to the weary itinerant, and became the occasional resting-place of the sainted Asbury. In early life she made a profession of faith in Christ, and became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Columbia, Pennsylvania. On the 14th day of April, 1828, she was married to her now bereaved husband, then a member of the Philadelphia Conference, leaving a home of comfort to share with her husband in the toils and responsibilities of an itinerant life. For forty-six years and six months she fulfilled the duties of wife and mother with rare fidelity and true affection.

In the care and management of a family of nine children, whom she lived to see grow up to maturity, she exhibited both tact and skill. They respected her authority. Her affection they never doubted. Most of

them have become members of the Church of her love, and all of them are its fast friends. Three of her children preceded her to the promised land; to the remaining ones the memory of their mother is precious, and they "rise up and call her blessed."

She lived a life of faith, and this prepared her for a death of triumph. She was in feeble health for years; but the twelve months immediately preceding her death were months of suffering and patient waiting. No murmur escaped her lips. She saw the daily approach of death without alarm, and always spoke of it with the utmost composure of spirit. She had learned to commit herself, without reserve, to the keeping of the blessed Savior, and exercised an implicit trust in the merit of his atonement. Much of her time was spent in silent prayer. She realized the presence and preciousness of Christ through all her sickness, and experienced "his promises to be yea and amen." Frequently she was so filled with his love as "to rejoice in him with joy unspeakable and full of glory." Jesus was her comfort by day and her song in the night, the silence of which was often broken by her singing, with tremulous voice, a stanza of a favorite hymn, as follows:

"Forever here my rest shall be,
Close to thy bleeding side;
This all my hope, and all my plea,
For me the Savior died."

When the final hour came it found her ready and waiting. It was met in perfect consciousness. She was calm and self-possessed. Death had lost its terror. Its sting was gone. Surrounded by her husband, children, and friends, without a struggle or a groan, she sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, at her home in Sidney, Shelby County, Ohio, in the afternoon of September 15, 1874.

S. B. SMITH.

MRS. OLIVIA ROE.

WE have to add to the list of honored dead the name of Mrs. OLIVIA ROE, relict of the Rev. Edward D. Roe, late of the Cincinnati Annual Conference. She died November 18, 1874, in the village of Yellow Springs, Greene County, Ohio.

As far as I can learn, Mrs. Roe was born in Frederick County, Virginia, in January, 1797. She was married to Dr. E. D. Roe in 1827, who was converted, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, in 1828, and entered the Ohio Conference in 1832. This was the beginning of her itinerant life, the toils and privations of which she cheerfully bore till the death of her husband, in 1864.

Mrs. Roe united with the Methodist Episcopal Church when about eighteen years of age, at which time she became an experimental Christian, and made a public profession of her faith in Christ. Some time during the pastorate of her husband in Greenfield, Ohio, a violent attack of erysipelas shattered her nervous system and permanently impaired her health. But through all her afflictions, to which were added the loneliness of widowhood and the infirmities of age, she held fast her confidence in Christ to the end.

Mrs. Roe was a woman of many excellencies, modest in her profession, yet a faithful witness for Jesus. She loved the house of God and its ordinances; and though living remote from the place of worship, and bearing the weight of more than threescore and ten years, would walk to the house of God as long as she had sufficient strength. She was remarkable for her cheerful spirit. Her afflictions were borne with patience and resignation. She was a woman of vigorous mind, enlightened by the study of God's Word; strong in her convictions of right, and persistent in carrying them out, yet of a most tender and sympathizing heart.

Mrs. Roe had almost reached the age of fourscore years when she was called to enter the heavenly rest. The call found her ready; her life-journey had been in that direction. She lingered many weeks in her last sickness, suffering greatly, yet all the while submissive, cheerful, trusting in God. I never entered her room (which I did many times) without being greeted with a pleasant smile, or left without feeling that she was ripe for the better land. She uttered many expressions of trust, hope, and joy during her sickness. "Jesus is with me, a precious Savior; I am trusting in him; All is bright and clear," were among the words that fell from her dying lips. At length the 18th of November came, and this aged disciple and saint fell asleep in Christ.

Funeral services were held by Revs. J. Kendall, M. P. Gaddis, and pastor, and her body laid beside her husband in the Columbus Cemetery.

We can, with the highest propriety, assign Mrs. Roe a place among those "elect ladies" who have done what they could to honor the Master, serve his Church, and build up his kingdom in the world.

GEORGE C. CRUM.

MRS. HANNAH REED.

MRS. HANNAH REED was the daughter of Rev. Wm. P. Finley, a brother of James B. and John P. Finley, all of whom with their father, Robert W. Finley, were members of the old Ohio Conference.

Of Hannah's early life we have no knowledge. She was united in marriage with Rev. David Reed, February 28, 1837, and for thirty years shared with him the vicissitudes of itinerant life. Her husband was, in the midst of active ministerial duty, suddenly prostrated with disease, and after a brief illness closed his eyes in death, March 29, 1867. Eight years she lingered in widowhood. These were years of anxiety—of financial perplexity and domestic care; added to which was a development of that dreaded evil—cancer. When she realized that she was a victim of this fatal malady she laid her case in prayer before God, especially requesting that she might be saved from intense suffering. God heard her prayer. To the astonishment of physician and friends, she had no pain from that hour until the death-angel came with the summons to pass the "Dark River." She closed her eyes in peace October 25, 1874. Mrs. Reed possessed traits of character that greatly endeared her to all who knew her. She was faithful in all her relations to God, to her husband, and to the Church. No longer numbered with us, she rejoices with the redeemed.

JOHN F. LOYD.

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT'S.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										
	Probationers..	Full Members.	Local P'ch's..	Deaths.....	Children.....	Adults.....	Churches.....	Probable Val.	Parsonages...	Probable Val.	For Conf. Claimants..	For Missions.			Wom's, For. Miss. Society	For B'd Ch. Extension..	For Tract Soc.	For S. S. Union.....	For Freed-men's Aid Soc	For Education
												Churches	Sabbath-Schools	Total....						
EAST CINCINNATI DIST.																				
Cin'tl: Wesley Chapel...	65	275	4	4	15	10	1	\$40,000	1	\$8,000	\$72 31	\$266 27	\$109 13	\$375 40	\$20 00	\$19 33	\$3 50	\$12 91	.....	.....
Trinity.....	17	379	3	6	13	12	1	100,000	...	.....	300 00	667 45	632 60	1300 05	294 00	169 33	12 00	25 00	\$1500 00	\$50 00
Asbury.....	32	203	1	3	3	1	1	22,000	...	.....	47 00	91 65	145 77	237 42	43 75	24 59	3 00	3 00	95 00	3 00
Pearl-street.....	26	134	...	2	24	5	1	10,000	1	3,000	41 00	103 22	37 90	141 12	.....	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	2 50
Mt. Auburn.....	5	64	...	1	2	1	1	18,000	...	.....	35 00	89 39	43 00	132 39	.....	10 00	.....	.....	101 00	.....
Walnut Hills.....	25	306	1	3	12	5	1	65,000	1	12,000	342 50	699 69	327 55	1027 24	65 00	518 56	10 00	10 00	200 00	17 00
Grace Church.....	4	45	...	1	2	1	1	5,000	...	.....	30 25	19 35	56 34	75 69	.....	3 00	10	1 25	5 00	.....
M'Kendree.....	8	112	...	4	2	3	1	8,000	...	.....	30 00	60 00	40 00	100 00	5 00	270 00	2 00	2 00	10 00	.....
Pendleton & Columbia	14	144	1	4	3	8	1	4,000	...	.....	3 50	22 50	15 40	37 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 21	.....
Mears Chapel.....	27	35	...	2	2	...	1	12,000	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Madisonville.....	9	170	...	2	...	2	1	8,000	1	4,000	100 00	188 63	123 37	312 00	53 00	48 00	15 75	25 75	78 75	5 75
Mt. Washington.....	...	87	1	1	5	2	1	10,000	...	.....	28 00	97 20	27 80	125 00	10 00	20 00	5 00	5 00	20 00	.....
Camp Dennison Circult..	38	187	2	2	1	2	5	13,800	...	.....	23 94	55 26	18 14	73 40	.....	17 00	.....	.....	17 17	.....
Milford.....	...	182	1	6	...	1	2	14,500	...	.....	11 55	18 25	9 50	27 75	.....	3 67	.....	.....	.....	.....
Centenary.....	8	258	6	7	2	1	5	11,000	...	.....	25 00	82 00	10 00	92 00	.....	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Loveland and Malnville.	...	197	...	...	...	...	2	8,000	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lebanon.....	5	242	2	6	1	4	1	12,000	1	3,000	41 60	76 08	23 92	100 00	31 06	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Lebanon and Zoar	8	182	...	1	...	1	4	4,600	...	.....	5 00	10 00	...	10 00	.....	3 10	50	50	50	50
Goshen.....	5	200	1	7	31	8	1	3,000	1	1,500	...	57 37	44 13	101 50	11 00	26 35	2 65	2 65	19 25	10 60
Morrow.....	14	155	1	1	2	16	1	6,000	...	.....	2 50	19 25	...	19 25	.....	1 25	.....	.....	3 35	.....
Waynesville.....	15	200	1	4	...	6	1	6,000	1	1,500	25 60	98 00	52 00	150 00	44 00	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....
New Burlington.....	12	366	1	5	...	...	6	10,000	1	1,000	70 00	106 00	...	106 00	.....	14 00	.....	.....	20 00	.....
Xenia: First Church.....	5	437	1	4	4	3	1	25,000	1	6,000	103 55	150 10	149 90	300 00	.....	25 00	5 00	5 00	43 25	5 00
Trinity.....	10	262	2	2	5	7	1	30,000	...	.....	80 25	139 60	20 00	159 60	.....	26 00	2 38	2 36	23 90	2 35
Miami Circuit.....	26	398	4	7	5	3	9	10,400	1	1,400	37 00	72 00	8 00	80 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....	5 50	.....
Total.....	378	5220	33	83	134	102	51	\$456,600	10	\$41,400	\$1475 55	\$3189 26	\$1894 45	\$5083 71	\$576 75	\$1226 93	\$66 13	\$98 42	\$2197 38	\$97 70
WEST CINCINNATI DIST.																				
Cincinnati: St. Paul.....	124	468	4	3	10	8	1	200,000	1	20,000	520 00	2023 97	1000 00	3023 97	400 00	500 00	30 00	50 00	1222 70	100 00
St. John's.....	6	132	1	4	8	7	1	30,000	...	.....	...	35 00	...	35 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Christie.....	30	460	2	1	...	...	1	20,000	...	.....	100 00	452 00	104 05	556 05	14 00	30 50	2 00	20 00	35 00	.....
Finley.....	12	131	1	2	15	10	1	20,000	...	.....	27 35	32 50	41 00	73 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
York-street.....	50	260	1	8	15	2	1	40,000	...	.....	22 00	65 35	45 00	110 35	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
M'Lean.....	20	231	2	4	12	6	1	20,000	...	.....	...	25 00	...	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Fairmontt.....	10	50	..	1	.....	1	7,000	...	.....	21 00	29 50	10 50	40 00	.....	.....	.....	10 25	.....
Cummins' & W. Union	10	170	2	9	4 12	2	5,600	...	.....	53 00	.....	.....	40 00	4 25	8 00	10 00	58 35	.....
Winton Place.....	1	49	...	3	.....	1	3,000	.....	.....	40 00	81 50	73 86	155 36	4 00	1 75	1 00	3 00	6 00	
Hartwell and Carthage..	4	73	1	...	.....	1	5,000	.....	.....	61 00	120 00	.....	120 00	.....	3 00	7 00	.....	.....
Lockland.....	4	160	1	1	7 6	1	31,544	1	7,758	67 00	319 00	32 00	351 00	.....	14 10	5 00	5 00	12 25 4 00	
Port Union & Glendale..	11	116	...	5	... 8	4	8,000	1	1,500	12 00	85 00	15 00	100 00	.....	10 00	2 00	2 00	10 00 2 00	
Cheviot.....	17	130	2	4	1 11	3	5,500	.....	.....	.....	83 25	16 75	100 00	.....	10 00	2 00	2 00	10 00 1 00	
Bothany.....	4	185	1	5	7 15	2	7,000	1	1,800	20 00	44 50	25 50	70 00	15 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	2 50	
Hamilton.....	7	360	...	9	13 6	1	35,000	1	10,000	80 00	278 30	.....	278 30	100 00	20 00	5 00	5 00	20 00	
Oxford.....	9	281	2	4	5 7	1	25,000	1	2,000	55 00	156 75	23 25	180 00	15 25	15 00	5 00	4 00	12 00 3 00	
Venice.....	6	320	1	3	... 3	8	13,000	1	1,600	20 00	67 50	3 50	71 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	10 00	
Harrison.....	...	117	...	3	.....	1	15,000	...	.....	50 00	50 00	.....	50 00	.....	5 00	1 50	2 50	5 00	
North Bend.....	34	191	1	2	1 9	5	3,000	.....	.....	26 00	40 00	.....	40 00	.....	8 00	5 00	1 35	5 00	
Eaton.....	24	380	1	4	.....	1	40,000	1	3,000	66 00	90 50	104 46	194 96	.....	18 00	.....	5 00	30 00	
Camden.....	25	209	1	2	3 17	5	6,500	1	1,865	18 70	50 00	.....	50 00	.....	4 00	1 50	1 80	10 00	
Macedonia.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seven mile.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Paris.....	32	161	...	1	... 21	5	4,900	1	500	10 10	17 75	.....	17 75	.....	3 35	.....	.....	1 10	
Fair Haven & Sugar Val.	2	147	1	...	... 1	2	4,250	1	1,200	12 30	27 00	.....	27 00	.....	6 60	.....	.....	6 50	
Total.....	442	4781	25	75	104 169	50	\$549,294	11	\$51,223	\$1281 45	\$4174 37	\$1494 87	\$5669 24	\$596 25	\$667 80	\$72 75	\$117 65	\$1463 65	\$116 00
DAYTON DISTRICT.																			
Dayton: Grace Church..	21	573	4	4	4	1	102,000	1	8,000	200 00	435 00	393 09	828 09	87 85	66 00	6 00	9 10	153 13	130 00
Sears-street.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Raper.....	10	449	4	7	.....	1	30,000	1	6,000	160 00	200 00	300 00	500 00	34 25	.....	9 25	9 25	58 00	130 00
Davisson.....	15	142	2	2	2 6	1	6,000	.....	.....	23 05	17 00	.....	17 00	4 60	1 06	.....	.....	.....	.....
Troy: Mul. & Franklin-st	5	276	...	6	1 2	1	15,000	1	3,500	62 50	126 08	55 00	181 08	13 25	10 00	2 00	2 00	15 65	1 50
Tippecanoe.....	32	170	1	4	3 5	1	8,000	.....	.....	4 55	8 20	.....	8 20	50 00	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....
Addison.....	22	308	3	2	... 20	8	8,000	1	1,000	59 88	58 70	...	58 70	.....	2 55	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concord.....	40	220	...	6	4	...	4	10,000	1	660	20 00	35 00	.....	35 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Lewisburg.....	20	281	3	3	8 12	7	14,000	1	2,000	31 20	50 85	...	50 85	.....	2 80	.....	.....	4 75	.....
Winchester & Germant'n	70	175	3	5	1 1	3	10,000	.....	.....	18 00	15 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piqua: Green-street....	2	420	3	4	.....	1	25,000	1	3,000	30 00	70 00	100 00	170 00	1 00	10 00	.....	.....	100 00	.....
Grace Church.....	.....	210	1	1	.....	1	12,000	...	.....	10 00	15 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	5 00	.....
Lockington.....	10	154	1	4	2	...	4	4,000	1	1,000	7 00	44 00	.....	44 00	.....	2 00	.....	5 00	.....
Fletcher.....	10	273	2	2	3 28	4	14,000	1	500	22 85	28 05	76 71	104 76	.....	19 65	1 70	2 00	11 85	.....
St. Paris and Lena.....	18	232	3	2	11 1	2	2,500	1	400	35 00	75 00	5 00	80 00	5 00	12 00	3 00	2 00	48 00	.....
Brant.....	6	139	2	2	1 6	4	4,000	.....	.....	13 00	26 00	.....	26 00	.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miamisburg.....	26	192	1	4	4 6	2	12,000	1	1,200	44 90	56 30	20 00	76 30	30 90	7 65	2 35	2 35	7 65	.....
Franklin.....	3	180	...	1	2 1	1	20,000	...	.....	36 55	.....	70 00	70 00	.....	10 05	4 00	2 55	11 00	.....
Red Lion & Springboro..	50	344	2	4	1	.....	2	20,000	1	1,700	43 65	81 85	15 15	97 00	6 00	8 20	.....	7 85	.....
Fairfield.....	.....	223	3	...	.....	3	14,000	1	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Carlisle.....	20	305	2	1	1 3	3	15,000	1	2,500	32 20	64 00	15 25	79 25	23 00	11 00	3 00	3 25	6 00	1 10
Middletown.....	16	195	1	3	10 4	1	10,000	...	.....	12 10	.....	150 05	150 05	.....	50	34	40	80	1 00
Monroe.....	10	150	...	3	1 3	1	10,000	1	4,000	64 00	92 00	27 25	119 25	25 00	10 00	.....	6 00	6 00	.....
Total.....	406	5611	41	70	58 98	56	\$365,500	15	\$35,860	\$930 43	\$1498 03	\$1227 50	\$2725 23	\$280 85	\$178 46	\$35 14	\$40 90	\$440 68	\$263 60

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.									
	Probationers...	Full Members...	Local Preachers.	Deaths.....	Children.....	Adults.....	Churches.....	Probable Value.	Parsonages.....	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants....	For Missions.			Women's For. Miss. Society.....	For Bd Church Extension.....	For Tract Soc'y.	For S. S. Union.	For Freedmen's Aid Society..	For Education...
												Churches..	Sabbath-Schools..	Total.....						
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																				
Springfield: Cent'l Church	18	466	3	7	2	8	2	\$26,000	1	\$7,000	\$114 10	\$257 30	\$125 45	\$382 75	\$40 00	\$61 55	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$136 20	.....
High-street.....	2	295	3	4	1	8	1	30,000	1	10,000	156 50	241 71	209 35	451 06	65 00	70 58	8 50	8 50	107 53	.....
Urbana: First Church.....	37	435	6	3	1	4	1	10,000	1	4,500	133 25	275 50	.....	275 50	.....	30 00	.....	10 00	77 60	.....
Second Church.....	20	250	...	3	2	1	1	6,000	1	2,500	87 00	229 90	39 48	269 38	86 85	32 45	4 50	4 50	45 00	.....
King's Creek.....	20	414	4	7	14	12	8	8,900	2	3,500	43 75	102 25	.....	102 25	36 00	20 50	1 75	2 00	7 00	\$1 45
Mingo and Tabor.....	39	138	...	2	1	14	3	7,300	1	1,200	88 20	19 40	.....	19 40	.....	1 20	.....	1 00	.....	.....
North Lewisburg.....	4	281	...	6	.....	.....	2	2,500	1	1,500	26 30	67 50	.....	67 50	.....	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....
East Liberty.....	19	218	3	2	2	17	4	8,000	1	800	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tremont.....	30	340	...	.....	.....	.....	4	12,000	.....	.....	24 14	75 10	.....	75 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mechanicsburg.....	34	259	2	5	4	2	1	9,000	1	3,000	51 20	111 25	16 35	127 60	95 91	34 60	.....	84 10	.....	.....
Catawba.....	40	425	2	5	29	12	7	13,500	1	925	36 00	100 00	.....	100 00	24 00	3 00	1 10	1 20	2 25	.....
Moorefield.....	17	164	...	2	27	11	2	5,000	1	2,500	41 00	75 00	30 20	105 20	.....	15 00	.....	1 00	19 00	.....
South Charleston.....	47	275	3	6	11	22	2	10,000	1	4,000	43 80	213 28	37 03	250 31	6 65	25 95	.....	4 35	57 65	6 08
Yellow Springs.....	3	170	1	2	.....	.....	1	4,000	1	2,000	19 35	53 29	31 00	84 29	.....	6 50	.....	7 00	.....	.....
Old Town.....	...	150	1	3	2	3	5	5,000	...	.....	15 50	27 00	.....	27 00	.....	6 00	2 50	2 50	1 50	2 00
Jamestown.....	11	210	...	4	5	9	1	12,000	1	2,500	90 00	55 16	48 63	103 79	34 00	25 00	6 00	5 00	20 00	4 00
Cedarville.....	15	425	3	6	5	15	5	6,700	1	.....	40 20	153 15	.....	153 15	23 70	.....	5 05	5 05	3 50	.....
Union.....	27	521	2	11	3	8	7	17,000	1	500	140 00	252 37	6 00	258 37	32 00	12 27	.....	44 42	.....	.....
Merrittstown.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	383	5,436	33	72	115	146	57	\$192,900	17	\$46,425	\$1160 29	\$2309 16	\$543 49	\$2852 65	\$444 11	\$346 60	\$30 40	\$45 10	\$615 75	\$13 53
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																				
Hillsboro.....	12	466	2	8	12	13	1	30,000	1	5,000	78 50	164 60	106 20	270 80	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenfield.....	36	560	1	8	1	14	1	10,000	1	2,000	70 00	96 20	27 50	123 70	.....	14 00	3 00	3 00	14 00	.....
New Lexington.....	25	430	6	5	1	25	10	15,000	1	1,200	34 00	137 00	.....	137 00	23 65	25 00	2 00	.....	10 00	.....
Highland.....	15	585	4	11	16	4	8	7,500	2	800	24 00	93 00	16 00	109 00	2 79	3 60	3 50	3 50	.....	.....
Sinking Springs.....	25	750	4	7	...	40	11	11,000	1	800	45 75	202 45	15 00	217 45	.....	13 90	1 80	.....	.....	.....
Wilmington.....	5	269	...	4	.....	4	1	15,000	1	3,500	10 50	34 10	52 21	86 31	48 00	7 00	5 25	5 25	.....	.....
Bowersville.....	8	397	6	7	.....	.....	C	9,000	...	.....	22 65	85 56	.....	85 56	10 80	6 85	.....	8 00	.....	.....
Clarksville.....	10	560	5	6	...	25	7	8,000	...	.....	15 00	165 00	10 00	175 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lynchburg.....	20	536	4	3	6	37	8	1,500	1	600	23 50	137 90	2 10	140 00	.....	15 00	1 60	2 30	25 00	.....
Sardinia.....	26	370	2	5	11	11	7	10,000	1	600	23 00	75 00	.....	75 00	.....	9 00	.....	11 00	.....	.....
Winchester.....	18	410	5	2	3	8	8	12,000	1	600	50 50	119 00	28 00	147 00	.....	10 00	3 00	2 00	10 50	.....
Butlerville.....	51	594	2	5	1	18	8	12,700	1	1,000	82 57	203 25	13 40	216 65	.....	13 40	2 50	2 42	6 20	3 40
Total.....	251	5,927	41	61	51	199	76	\$141,700	11	\$16,100	\$471 97	\$1513 46	\$270 41	\$1783 47	\$135 24	\$117 75	\$22 05	\$18 47	\$84 70	\$3 40

RIPLEY DISTRICT.																				
Ripley.....	7	300	2	2	7	.....	1	35,000	1	2,500	52 90	133 25	21 10	154 35	30 17	.....	9 00	10 35	10 25	7 25
Felicity.....	25	275	...	...	...	.....	2	2,000	1	400	15 00	40 00	.....	40 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Georgetown.....	.....	140	1	1	.....	.....	1	12,000	1	1,200	30 50	66 00	4 00	70 00	7 00	15 00	3 00	8 00	11 10	3 50
New Richmond.....	1	133	1	2	3	1	1	15,000	1	3,000	15 90	44 95	.....	44 95	80	.....	.....	.....	2 30	.....
Decatur.....	56	533	3	4	8	48	7	7,100	1	1,000	40 48	173 01	.....	173 01	.....	15 73	.....	.....	15 73	.....
Manchester.....	65	203	2	2	3	36	3	12,000	1	800	10 00	40 00	.....	40 00	25 00	5 00	1 50	4 00	2 25	1 25
Moscow.....	20	340	1	5	.....	6	4	8,000	.....	.....	25 00	20 00	40 00	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Laurel.....	51	576	6	14	4	22	8	15,000	1	675	26 90	108 95	8 68	117 63	.....	2 45	.....	.....	2 00	.....
Ameila.....	35	645	4	10	.....	15	9	20,000	1	2,000	50 00	70 00	.....	70 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....	9 00	.....
Batavia.....	50	623	1	7	.....	8	5	17,100	1	1,200	35 75	62 90	.....	62 90	.....	18 63	4 20	4 20	3 65	1 00
Williamsburg.....	9	411	1	2	3	4	1	3,500	1	1,200	8 00	28 00	.....	28 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marathon.....	25	350	4	6	6	8	5	4,200	.....	.....	7 85	17 75	.....	17 75	.....	1 75	.....	1 85	1 75	1 10
Bethel.....	20	342	5	4	4	11	4	5,000	1	1,000	2 00	38 00	.....	38 00	.....	5 00	3 00	3 00	12 00	3 00
Feesburg.....	25	509	5	8	.....	8	8	12,000	1	1,000	15 00	86 00	.....	86 00	.....	6 00	4 50	1 50	10 10	5 00
West Union.....	34	368	5	6	8	4	7	10,080	1	900	7 90	70 00	.....	70 00	.....	.....	85	3 00	.....	.....
Total.....	423	5648	41	73	46	171	66	\$177,980	13	\$16,875	\$343 18	\$998 81	\$73 78	\$1072 59	\$82 17	\$85 36	\$25 20	\$33 75	\$83 13	\$22 10

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT'S.			CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.									
	Probationers....	Full Members...	Local Preachers.	Deaths.....	Children.....	Adults.....	Churches.....	Probable Value..	Parsonages.....	Probable Value..	For Conference Chalmers....	For Missions.			For Woman's For. Miss. Society...	For Bd Church Extension.....	For Tract Soc'y..	For S. S. Union.	For Freedmen's Aid Society....	For Education...
												Churches...	Sabbath Schools..	Total.....						
East Cincinnati.....	378	5220	33	83	134	102	51	\$456,600	10	\$41,400	\$1475 55	\$3189 26	\$1894 45	\$5083 71	\$576 75	\$1226 93	\$66 13	\$98 42	\$2197 38	\$97 70
West Cincinnati.....	442	4781	25	75	104	159	50	\$49,294	11	\$1,223	1281 45	4174 37	1494 87	5669 24	596 25	667 80	72 75	117 65	1463 65	116 00
Dayton.....	406	5611	41	70	58	98	56	\$365,500	15	\$35,860	930 43	1498 03	1227 50	2725 53	280 85	178 46	35 14	40 90	440 68	263 60
Springfield.....	383	5436	33	72	115	146	57	\$192,900	17	\$46,425	1160 29	2309 16	543 49	2852 65	444 11	346 60	30 40	45 10	615 75	13 53
Hillsboro.....	251	5927	41	61	51	199	76	\$141,700	11	\$16,100	471 97	1513 06	270 41	1783 47	135 24	117 75	22 05	18 47	84 70	3 40
Ripley.....	423	5648	41	73	46	171	66	\$177,980	13	\$16,875	343 18	998 81	73 78	1072 59	82 17	85 36	25 20	33 75	83 13	22 10
Grand Total.....	2283	32623	214	434	508	875	356	\$1,883,974	77	\$207,883	\$5662 87	\$13682 69	\$5504 50	\$19187 19	\$2115 37	\$2622 90	\$251 67	\$354 29	\$4885 29	\$516 33
Total Last Year.....	2542	33352	217	411	687	1424	367	\$1,882,300	79	\$208,950	6226 00	11488 12	4619 29	16107 41	2128 59	1494 31	232 16	294 79	2456 35	296 17
Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	\$1,674	.....	.....	.....	\$2194 57	\$885 21	\$3079 78	.....	\$1128 59	\$19 51	\$59 50	\$2428 94	\$220 16
Decrease.....	259	729	3	.....	179	549	11	.....	2	\$1,067	\$563 13	.....	.....	.....	\$13 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

GENERAL STATISTICS, NO. II.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	COLLECTIONS, ETC.					SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.															SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.					
	Amount raised for Support of Bishops.....	Amount raised for Building and improving Churches and Parsonages.....	Indebtedness on Chases and Parsonages.....	Claims for Ministerial Support.....	Receipts for Ministerial Support.....	Sunday-schools.....	Officers and Teachers..	Scholars of all ages....	Scholars 15 years old and over.....	Scholars in Inf. Class..	Average Attendance of Teachers & Scholars..	Members of Probate..	Officers & Teachers Ch. Members of Probate..	Scholars who are Ch. Members or Probate..	Conversions.....	No. of Library Books..	Expenses of Schools this year.....	S. S. Advocates taken..	S. S. Classmates taken..	S. S. Journals taken...	Good News taken.....	No. of Picture Lesson Papers taken.....	For Education on Children's-day.	For Bible Society.....	Other Collections.....	
EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																										
Cincinnati: Wesley Chapel.....	\$25 00	\$1,600 00	\$2,600	\$1,750	\$1,750	1 22	175	70	65	40	133	22	50	10	500	\$83 85	125	20	20	50	\$45 00	\$100 00	
Trinity.....	75 00	300 00	.....	3,180	3,180	1 35	450	150	210	90	340	34	120	15	838	300 00	150	28	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	650 00
Asbury.....	20 00	1,596	1,596	1 29	292	96	104	42	268	25	58	400	79 95	175	25	25	15 00	72 00	
Pearl-street.....	13 00	300 00	1,000	1,025	1 25	280	60	200	25	40	10	200	150 00	200	75	22	6 00	59 75	
Mt. Auburn.....	10 00	300 00	1,525	1,430	1,430	1 14	150	25	65	60	120	12	12	1	150	150 00	125	25	35	20 00	72 00	
Walnut Hills.....	80 35	.....	6,000	2,500	2,500	1 37	316	165	70	80	225	37	.....	10	450	265 85	50	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grace Church.....	10 00	.....	.....	1,700	1,700	1 8	62	30	17	15	55	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
M'Kendree.....	5 00	20 00	.....	1,460	1,460	1 14	180	50	70	60	.....	.....	.....	14	15	65 00	137	24	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pendleton and Columbia.....	3 50	.....	.....	1,000	1,000	2 31	340	130	127	83	197	26	38	11	381	2 29	160	22	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mears Chapel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 15	93	25	26	42	75	13	.....	.....	250	1 50	50	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Madisonville.....	8 00	.....	.....	1,000	1,000	1 22	200	.....	.....	43	160	19	3	.....	238	300 00	125	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Washington.....	15 00	200 00	.....	1,100	1,100	1 11	108	57	26	35	90	11	25	.....	100	25 00	60	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Camp Dennison Circuit.....	.....	306 42	2,100	800	723	5 52	375	187	117	56	214	41	100	.....	495	1 51	89	14	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Milford.....	1 71	.....	200	855	855	2 25	260	150	60	50	170	23	50	.....	1 470	35 00	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Centenary.....	10 00	50 00	.....	700	.....	5 55	242	166	47	29	171	46	117	6	500	75 00	30	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	20 00
Loveland and Mainville.....	.....	.....	875	812	.....	2 25	200	135	30	35	150	24	50	.....	400	75 00	30	30	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon.....	6 00	1,217 33	1,500	1,090	1,090	1 27	242	.....	.....	40	200	27	.....	6	650	125 68	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 40	.....	
South Lebanon and Zoar.....	1 00	.....	650	550	437	5 44	238	176	39	23	119	34	21	.....	500	28 30	24	7	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Goshen.....	.....	2,910 00	.....	775	.....	1 12	107	75	.....	32	67	12	70	3	200	90 00	45	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 00	.....	
Morrow.....	3 50	400 00	.....	700	700	2 30	260	.....	.....	50	185	29	24	21	325	165 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waynesville.....	4 00	1,400 00	.....	1,000	1,000	1 23	150	.....	.....	56	.....	22	.....	.....	150	75 00	100	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Burlington.....	10 00	2,250 00	1,450	960	960	3 36	160	80	45	35	130	35	65	.....	120	30 00	50	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Xenia: First Church.....	10 00	560 00	.....	1,500	1,500	1 36	320	160	90	40	247	36	105	3	400	170 00	125	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trinity.....	10 41	550 00	.....	1,200	1,200	1 24	162	63	50	49	63	24	37	7	600	94 48	125	20	25	.....	.....	.....	32 85	12 75
Miami Circuit.....	20 00	600 00	100	1,280	1,280	9 94	596	296	208	92	442	84	129	2	576	377 08	136	31	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$341 47	\$12,963 75	\$16,125	\$30,101	\$28,298	51 746	5958	2266	1466	1237	4021	683	1145	110	8885	\$2765 49	2221	75	518	20	314	.....	\$169 25	\$1,136 50	
WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																										
Cincinnati: St. Paul.....	90 00	38,600 00	.....	4,400	\$4,400	1 *43	450	140	210	100	320	41	125	50	800	750 00	150	300	50	300	80	.....	130 65	776 91
St. John's.....	.....	1,100 00	7,500	.....	1,000	1 21	170	100	30	40	.....	17	36	8	600	400 00	150	32	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 00
Christie.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000	2,000	1 36	314	100	139	75	216	.....	.....	.....	707	459 00	300	32	300	.....	.....	.....	60 00	.....	
Finley.....	.....	.....	.....	1,800	1,595	1 26	306	175	75	50	210	26	100	.....	150	435 00	.....	.....	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

York-street	8 00	100 00	5,400	.....	.....	1 35	350	.....	150	.....	60	.....	1000	274 00	150	.....	30	.....	125	.....	.....	500 00	
M'Lean .....	.....	700 00	6,000	1,700	1,700	1 19	215	.....	75	156	15	10	11	300	300 00	150	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fairmount .....	.....	80 00	.....	1,200	1,200	1 13	140	.....	40	102	9	12	.....	100	90 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Camminsville and West Union.....	5 80	200 00	.....	933	.....	2 22	156	70	46	40	140	22	30	18	.....	110	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winton Place.....	5 00	326 00	.....	1,040	1,040	1 14	44	14	14	16	36	10	.....	100	204 75	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	15 70	.....	
Hartwell and Carthage.....	9 00	3,500 00	.....	450	450	1 6	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lockland.....	30 00	5,344 00	8,158	1,200	1,200	1 18	220	77	48	43	167	16	40	8	150 96	100	.....	21	.....	75 00	.....	.....
Port Union and Glendale.....	15 00	885 00	600	850	850	3 35	280	148	88	44	178	29	34	5	625	78 00	120	20	.....	15 00	.....	.....
Cheviot	1 00	.....	805	900	900	3 30	200	100	40	60	140	8	17	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethany.....	4 00	6,000 00	.....	900	900	2 25	280	220	15	35	230	25	110	15	30 00	50	.....	46	50	50 00	.....	.....
Hamilton	5 50	700 00	.....	1,300	1,300	2 46	530	175	260	95	350	45	126	15	800	350 00	.....	46	50	50 00	.....	.....
Oxford	6 00	2,991 71	6,000	1,115	1,115	2 22	191	86	57	48	132	22	82	7	270	65 80	72	12	40	40 00	.....	.....
Venice	6 00	450 00	.....	900	900	6 36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harrison	6 00	.....	900	900	900	1 10	208	80	108	20	90	10	30	.....	283	50 00	.....	12	.....	28 00	.....	.....
North Bend.....	2 00	.....	725	635	635	5 35	150	50	46	51	115	27	38	2	125	35 00	60	18	.....	11 30	.....	.....
Eaton .....	.....	.....	1,600	1,600	1,600	1 35	200	90	70	40	145	.....	75	.....	147 00	150	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Camden	7 40	1,434 64	800	672	672	1 15	120	70	20	30	90	14	20	.....	60 00	75	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macedonia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seven-mile.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Paris.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 32	190	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fair Haven and Sugar Valley.....	3 20	62 00	.....	530	530	2 24	154	73	46	35	105	22	27	.....	52	98 78	120	12	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$203 90	\$62,473 35	\$34,458	\$25,020	\$23,087	44 555	4492	1628	1102	990	2656	317	930	106	5462	\$3228 29	1607	319	150	565	\$4 50	\$306 95	\$1,429 61	
DAYTON DISTRICT.																								
Dayton: Grace Church.....	36 00	.....	.....	2,000	2,000	1 39	430	150	160	120	210	39	3	6	450	428 00	200	42	100	.....	845 89	.....	.....
Sears-street.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Raper	20 00	.....	1,740	1,740	1,740	1 46	600	220	176	204	450	46	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	40	.....	75 00	.....	.....	.....
Davison	1 00	.....	650	650	650	1 19	96	32	48	20	93	19	25	20	467	33 00	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Troy: Mulberry-st. & Franklin-st.	10 00	.....	1,200	1,200	1,200	2 33	339	.....	65	215	.....	.....	3	512	195 00	65	32	.....	31 85	7 88	.....	.....	.....
Tippecanoe	2 25	.....	640	540	540	2 24	150	.....	20	120	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Addison	7 50	.....	1,251	1,000	8 91	525	265	119	74	341	74	215	37	527	180 00	134	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concord	10 00	.....	550	550	4 32	260	160	75	25	160	25	100	.....	780	35 00	100	26	.....	13 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lewisburg	15 45	2,892 00	100	850	906	5 85	550	200	204	146	388	62	214	10	650	125 00	200	255	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winchester and Germantown	3 00	.....	580	500	2 15	200	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piqua: Green-street	10 00	.....	1,500	1,300	1 43	417	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grace Church.....	.....	175 00	4,500	800	475	1 23	102	.....	.....	27	116	18	30	.....	76	118 66	.....	20	25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lockington	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 25	220	.....	.....	25	160	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	70	.....	25 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Fletcher	10 30	.....	725	700	4 55	325	120	140	65	250	65	95	24	315	215 00	140	5	30	3 70	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Paris and Lena.....	.....	.....	810	.....	2 32	160	70	65	25	126	27	35	19	.....	60 00	75	21	25	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....
Brant	9 00	100 00	500	500	4 40	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miamisburg.....	9 30	600 00	900	900	2 29	241	.....	.....	40	185	29	.....	11	275	.....	100	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Franklin	5 00	1,500 00	500	1,115	1,115	1 22	150	35	85	30	135	22	25	3	300	40 00	50	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Red Lion and Springboro	5 30	.....	900	.....	2 22	200	110	55	35	175	22	90	8	135	85 00	100	20	.....	7 15	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fairfield .....	.....	.....	800	800	4 48	299	143	99	57	129	42	123	.....	470	.....	90	25	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Carlisle.....	6 15	.....	700	800	3 41	367	196	106	77	294	39	178	7	110	134 90	50	39	43	23 19	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middletown.....	5 00	.....	600	960	960	1 18	120	60	30	30	104	18	50	.....	200	90 00	100	48	20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monroe	2 00	.....	1,000	1,000	1 14	108	65	16	27	75	14	40	.....	.....	50 00	50	12	.....	.....	15 00	5 00	.....	.....
Total.....	\$171 25	\$5,267 00	\$7,900	\$10,070	\$17,616	54 796	6209	1826	1478	1072	3744	561	1223	160	4967	\$1989 56	2016	385	285	253	.....	\$136 27	\$930 89
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																								
Springfield: Central Church.....	11 78	326 00	1,800	1,540	1,540	2 43	400	130	261	43	680	336 00	125	34	125	26 25	70 00
High-street	15 27	3,000 00	2,000	1,500	1,500	1 31	260	143	78	39	149	31	92	27	220	259 90	75	30
Urbana: First Church	13 20	100 00	300	1,200	1,200	1 30	175	117	25	33	125	26	85	12	650	289 00	100	25	40

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	COLLECTIONS, ETC.					SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.															SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.					
	Amount Raised for Support of Bishops.....	Amount Raised for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.....	Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages.....	Claims for Ministerial Support.....	Receipts for Ministerial Support.....	No. of Sunday-schools.	No. Officers & Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.....	Scholars 15 years old and over.....	Scholars under 15 except Infant Class....	Scholars in Inf. Class..	A. V. Attendee Teachers and Scholars.....	Officers and Teachers men, or probationers.	Scholars who are Ch. men, or probationers.	No. of Conversations.....	No. of Library Books...	Expenses of Schools this year.....	S. S. Advocates taken..	S. S. Chismates taken.	S. S. Journals taken...	No. Good News taken..	No. of Picture Lesson Papers taken.....	For Education on Children's-day.....	Other Collections.....		
Urbana: Second Church.....	\$20 00	\$400 00	.....	\$1,300	\$1,300	1	23	150	50	75	25	125	23	75	...	300	\$100 00	125	...	25	...	75	.....	.....	.....
King's Creek Circuit.....	16 50	1,400 00	\$200	1,510	1,500	8	88	475	179	207	85	369	84	256	26	230	98 00	300	...	24	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Mingo and Tabor.....	2 60	2,500 00	.....	780	780	3	21	220	90	95	35	170	27	38	...	...	35 00	80	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
North Lewisburg.....	2 00	.....	200	1,000	1,000	2	27	200	60	70	70	20	24	.....	...	300	100 00	60	...	6	...	150	.....	.....	.....
East Liberty.....	5 00	17 00	.....	600	.....	5	38	231	.....	.....	25	184	.....	...	25	230	75 00	75	...	19	12	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tremont.....	65	200 00	.....	890	832	4	47	300	200	50	50	210	47	150	10	550	52 29	105	...	10	...	18	.....	.....	.....
Mechanicsburg.....	12 80	.....	.....	1,100	1,100	1	27	215	120	35	60	200	27	150	7	250	55 00	100	...	20	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Catawba.....	5 50	5,500 00	.....	1,285	1,285	7	80	410	180	128	102	325	60	130	30	650	50 00	125	...	10	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moorefield.....	13 10	660 00	.....	700	700	2	23	150	60	55	35	115	20	75	8	300	30 00	.....	...	16	...	35	6 00	\$55 00	
South Charleston.....	2 58	179 50	.....	1,100	1,100	2	34	205	105	66	28	165	33	60	24	266	56 82	85	...	22	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Yellow Springs.....	4 00	.....	.....	800	553	1	17	105	.....	.....	22	80	.....	...	...	...	...	60	...	12	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Old Town.....	3 00	.....	.....	800	750	5	50	285	163	92	40	210	45	44	5	900	3 50	97	...	12	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jamestown.....	6 00	1,200 00	500	980	980	1	29	160	.....	.....	30	120	29	50	20	...	40 00	...	22	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cedarville.....	1 35	.....	.....	1,500	1,390	6	35	300	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	500	...	70	...	20	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union.....	15 38	327 00	.....	1,735	1,735	7	89	600	304	180	149	335	73	271	12	1245	75 00	110	...	30	...	.....	.....	.....	160 00
Merrittstown.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$150 71	\$15,809 50	\$5,000	\$20,320	\$19,245	59	732	4851	1771	1156	958	3163	592	1476	206	7291	\$1655 51	1692	...	337	12	443	.....	\$32 25	\$285 00
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																										
Hillsboro.....	6 00	2,200 00	.....	1,475	1,475	1	37	290	.....	.....	86	206	37	...	25	300	80 00	100	...	30	...	50	.....	40 00	.....
Greenfield.....	6 00	.....	.....	1,120	1,120	1	26	200	60	102	38	150	26	120	45	292	63 80	...	...	25	...	50	\$16 30	13 20	.....
New Lexington.....	5 00	50 00	150	1,570	1,480	8	75	410	175	180	55	300	60	...	100	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	53 45	...	.....
Highland.....	10 00	114 00	27	1,400	1,280	7	75	420	205	149	66	310	71	174	10	325	73 00	177	...	42	...	40	25 00	25 00	.....
Sinking Springs.....	.....	.....	.....	1,330	1,330	10	98	560	200	260	85	400	89	200	40	400	75 00	150	...	30	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Williamington.....	9 80	137 00	.....	1,000	1,000	1	23	225	.....	.....	41	133	23	...	2	225	119 62	130	...	17	...	40	.....	.....	.....
Bowersville.....	7 10	.....	.....	775	660	4	40	340	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clarksville.....	5 00	500 00	200	1,600	1,300	7	130	650	320	175	75	450	120	250	50	760	25 00	20	...	5	10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lynchburg.....	8 75	.....	.....	1,225	1,225	7	84	419	200	152	67	397	74	164	22	365	70 25	94	54	36	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sardinia.....	10 25	50 00	.....	980	915	6	60	340	188	118	34	270	50	112	11	406	30 00	40	...	6	...	.....	.....	6 60	.....
Winchester.....	10 00	.....	.....	900	900	6	90	702	356	257	89	482	89	287	3	1012	77 00	46	...	55	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Butlerville.....	9 10	250 00	620	1,135	1,066	8	85	515	.....	.....	...	419	85	.....	19	1478	71 40	25	...	22	...	12	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$37 00	\$3,301 00	\$997	\$14,510	\$13,751	66	823	5071	1704	1393	636	3517	724	1307	327	5563	\$685 07	782	54	288	5	202	\$16 30	\$138 25	\$25 00	
RIPLEY DISTRICT.																										
Ripley.....	.....	9,000 00	.....	1,315	1,315	1	34	170	.....	.....	...	139	34	.....	...	600	.....	...	...	31	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Felicity.....	.....	.....	.....	825	825	3	25	225	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	75	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Georgetown.....	7 00	265 00	.....	715	735	1	13	120	47	38	35	80	13	25	...	100	27 65	40	40	8	40	.....	.....	13 20	.....
New Richmond.....	5 60	.....	.....	870	870	1	17	150	35	80	35	100	17	26	...	300	25 00	100	...	17	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decatur.....	.....	325 00	.....	1,235	1,235	7	72	453	229	173	54	350	71	194	83	505	111300	110	...	13	...	.....	.....	.....	.....

Manchester.....	2 00	90 00	700	633	3	20	300	125	105	195	275	18	30	75	60 00	50	...	25	...	50
Moscow.....	2 00	125 00	250	865	.....	5	55	400	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	300	100 00	110	...	30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Laurel.....	22 68	75 00	.....	1,300	.....	8	106	555	.....	.....	77	373	.....	.....	.....	18	500	208 34	42	42	.....	.....	.....	.....
Amelia.....	13 00	2,250 00	.....	1,390	1,297	8	103	818	300	176	173	460	88	278	30	1652	380 00	337	...	39	.....	32	.....	.....
Batavia.....	14 90	.....	.....	1,350	1,197	8	84	616	364	182	79	485	71	317	11	837	146 00	229	...	54	.....	50	.....	.....
Williamsburg.....	4 00	1,200 00	.....	800	800	2	40	290	90	125	80	225	35	80	.....	650	55 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marathon.....	2 40	2,500 00	.....	600	600	5	55	300	175	100	25	200	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel.....	.....	75 00	2400	670	619	4	51	254	200	18	36	160	50	175	...	300	20 00	90	...	18	...	2	.....	50
Feesburg.....	10 00	100 00	.....	1,135	1,135	8	86	430	.....	.....	332	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	108	...	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Union.....	6 15	.....	.....	1,084	.....	7	93	410	210	165	35	260	73	126	12	1100	34 00	84	...	4	...	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$89 73	\$16,005 90	\$2650	\$14,854	\$11,261	71	854	5491	1775	1157	874	3139	600	1251	254	6844	\$1268 99	1375	40	374	40	134	50	\$13 20

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	COLLECTIONS, ETC.					SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.															SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.				
	Amount Raised for Support of Bishops.....	Amount Raised for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.....	Indebtedness on Chutes and Parsonages....	Claims for Ministerial Support.....	Receipts for Ministerial Support.....	No. of Sunday-schools.	No. Officers & Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.....	Scholars 15 years old and over.....	Scholars under 15 except Infant Class....	Scholars in Inf. Class..	Av. Attendce Teachers and Scholars.....	Officers and Teachers ment's or probaters.	Scholars who are Ch. mem's or probaters.	No. of Conversions.....	No. of Library Books..	Expenses of Schools this year.....	S. S. Advocates taken..	S. S. Classmates taken.	No. S. S. Journals taken	No. Good News taken..	No. of Picture Lesson Papers taken.....	For Education on Children's-day.....	For Bible Society.....	Other Collections.....
East Cincinnati.....	\$341 45	\$12,963 75	\$16125	\$30101	\$28298	51	746	5958	2266	1466	1237	4021	683	1145	110	8885	\$2,765 49	2221	75	518	20	314	.....	\$169 25	\$1,136 50
West Cincinnati.....	203 90	62,473 35	34458	25020	23087	44	555	4492	1628	1102	990	2656	317	930	106	5462	3,228 29	1607	.....	319	150	565	\$4 50	306 95	1,429 61
Dayton.....	171 25	5,267 00	7900	10070	17616	54	796	6209	1826	1478	1072	3744	561	1223	160	4967	1,989 56	2016	.....	385	285	253	.....	136 27	930 89
Springfield.....	150 71	15,809 50	5000	20320	19245	59	732	4851	1771	1156	958	3163	592	1476	206	7291	1,655 51	1692	.....	337	12	443	.....	32 25	285 00
Hillsboro.....	87 00	3,301 00	997	14510	13751	66	823	5071	1704	1393	636	3517	721	1307	327	5563	685 07	782	54	288	5	202	16 30	138 25	25 00
Ripley.....	89 73	16,005 00	2650	14854	11261	71	854	5491	1775	1157	874	3439	600	1251	254	6844	1268 99	1375	40	374	40	134	.....	50	13 20
Grand total.....	1,044 03	115,819 60	67130	114885	113260	345	4506	32072	10970	7552	5767	20540	3477	7332	1163	39012	11,592 91	9693	169	2221	512	1911	20 80	783 47	3,820 20
Total last year.....	868 67	91,836 09	74878	120058	116266	345	4616	33554	11298	9170	5493	20931	3524	7441	1754	46241	11,789 84	10409	1294	2102	1397	1389	46 07	538 57	2,752 65
Increase.....	175 36	23,983 51	.....	.....	.....	...	110	1482	328	1618	.....	391	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	119	.....	522	.....	244 90	1,067 55
Decrease.....	.....	.....	7748	5173	3006	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47	109	591	7229	196 93	716	1125	.....	885	.....	25 27	.....	.....

* Report too late to appear in Grand total.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Reports were adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference at its last session.

WM H. SUTHERLAND, *Secretary.*

VI.

APPOINTMENTS.

EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

W. L. HYPES, P. E.

CINCINNATI: *Wesley Chapel*—W. I. Fee.

Trinity—Earl Cranston.

Asbury—Adam Bowers.

Pearl-street—J. W. Weakley.

Mt. Auburn—To be supplied.

Walnut Hills—A. B. Leonard.

Grace Church—W. N. Brodbeck.

M'Kendree—Edward M'Hugh.

City Mission—To be supplied.

Columbia—J. W. Gaddis.

Pendleton—To be supplied.

Madisonville—Silas Bennett.

Mt. Washington—R. E. Smith.

Camp Dennison—E. C. Smith.

Milford—T. D. W. Peak.

Centenary—Henry Stokes.

Loveland and Mainville—H. C. Middleton.

Lebanon—J. N. Irvin.

South Lebanon and Zoar—F. Eastman.

Goshen—Wm. Fitzgerald.

Morrow—B. F. Dimmick.

Waynesville—Charles Ferguson.

New Burlington—W. B. Jackson, J. A. Easton.

XENIA: *First Church*—M. A. Richards.

Trinity—G. C. Crum.

Miami Circuit—C. H. Kalbfus, J. E. H. Sentman.

J. F. Wright, Conference Evangelist, member of Walnut Hills Quarterly Conference.

J. M. Walden, Agent of Western Book Concern, member of Madisonville Quarterly Conference.

Thomas Lee, Chaplain and Superintendent of Cincinnati Union Bethel, member of Trinity Quarterly Conference.

R. S. Rust, Corresponding Secretary Freedmen's Aid Society, member of Trinity Quarterly Conference.

D. H. Moore, President Cincinnati Wesleyan Female College, member of Trinity Quarterly Conference.

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

C. W. KETCHAM, P. E.

CINCINNATI: *St. Paul*—C. H. Payne.

St. John—William Runyan.

Christie—James Murray.

Finley—J. S. Whitney.

York-street—A. N. Spahr.

M'Lean—William Young.

Fairmount and Camp Washington—Jonathan Verity.

Cumminsville—G. M. Hammel.

West Union and Asbury—D. R. Baker.

Winton Place—J. F. Conrey.

Hartwell and Carthage—Henry Tuckley.

Lockland—D. J. Starr.

Port Union—W. H. Black.

Cheviot—Matthias M. Kugler.

Bethany—R. K. Deem.

Hamilton—T. J. Harris.

Oxford—D. C. Vance.

Venice—Chas. Kalbfus, G. W. Dubois.

Harrison—John Wilson.

North Bend—J. C. Boltin.

Eaton—Thomas Collett.

Camden—J. S. Pumphrey.

Seven Mile—Edward Burdsall.

New Paris—J. J. Hill.

Fair Haven and Sugar Valley—J. F. Hull.

Macedonia—To be supplied.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

JAMES STEPHENSON, P. E.

DAYTON: *Grace Church*—T. H. Pearne.

Raper—W. A. Robinson.

Sears Chapel and Ebenezer—J. P. Nine.

Davisson Chapel—W. N. Williams.

TROY: *Mulberry-street*—S. A. Brewster.

Second-street—To be supplied.

Tippecanoe—C. F. Gowdy.

Addison—Nathan Prince, J. B. Ellsworth.

Concord—C. T. Crum.

Lewistown—J. M'K. Shultz.

Germantown and Winchester—G. L. Travis.

PIQUA: *Green-street*—J. F. Marlay.
Grace Church—W. Q. Shannon, P.

A. Ogden, sup.

Lockington—C. J. Wells.

Fletcher—D. D. Cheney.

Paris and Lena—John Pearson.

Brant—Davis W. Clark.

Miamisburg—Mighill Dustin.

Franklin—G. W. Kelley.

Red Lion and Springboro—J. W. Carey.

Fairfield—G. H. Kennedy.

New Carlisle—J. G. Black.

Middletown—W. H. Sutherland.

Monroe—A. U. Beall.

William Herr, District Superintendent of American Bible Society, member of Grace Quarterly Conference.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

J. W. CASSATT, P. E.

SPRINGFIELD: *Central Church*, E. T. Wells.

High-street—S. B. Smith.

URBANA: *First Church*—S. D. Clayton.

Second Church—G. H. Dart.

King's-creek Circuit—F. M. Clemans, S. F. Conrey.

Mingo and Tabor—A. W. Tibbits.

North Lewisburg—J. F. Loyd.

East Liberty—W. H. Smith.

Tremont—T. E. Fiddler.

Mechanicsburg—Michael Kauffman.

Catawba—G. T. Weaver, one to be supplied.

Moorefield—J. M. Robinson.

South Charleston—W. B. Moler.

Yellow Springs—J. P. Shultz.

Old Town—A. M. Griffith.

Jamestown—J. W. Mason.

Union—F. S. Davis, M. G. Baker.

Cedarville—M. P. Zink.

Jasper—C. H. Lawton.

L. D. M'Cabe, Professor in Ohio Wesleyan University, member of High-street Quarterly Conference.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

J. T. BAIL, P. E.

Hillsboro—Lucien Clark.

Greenfield—F. G. Mitchell.

New Lexington—G. M. Edgar.

Leesburg—A. D. Raleigh.

Highland—D. L. Hayward, J. C. Ambrose.

Sinking Springs—J. R. Hunter, Lafayette Young.

Wilmington—L. F. Van Cleve.

Bowersville—D. L. Aultman.

Clarksville—J. H. Middleton, J. I. Taggart.

Lynchburg—David Whitmer, A. D. Maddox.

Sardinia—E. W. Cole.

Winchester—S. W. Edmiston, one to be supplied.

Butler—William Mahon, J. H. Davis.

J. M'D. Mathews, President of Hillsboro Female College, member of Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.

RIPLEY DISTRICT.

GRANVILLE MOODY, P. E.

Ripley—Sylvester Weeks.

Felicity—H. M. Keck.

Georgetown—J. P. Porter.

New Richmond—Alexander Hamilton.

Decatur—J. L. Gregg, W. P. Jackson.

Manchester—S. N. Marsh.

Moscow—T. J. Euans.

Laurel—John Vance, E. P. James.

Amelia—L. M. Davis, W. J. Baker.

Batavia—J. H. Leas.

Boston—Fletcher Hypes.

Williamsburg—Henry Miller.

Marathon—W. T. M'Mullen.

Bethel—W. F. Mappin.

Feesburg—W. M. Boyer, J. F. M'Colm.

West Union—W. J. Quarry, A. E. Higgins.

Charles W. Drees, Missionary to Puebla, Mexico; James H. Roberts, Missionary at Las Cruces and Mesilla, New Mexico.

VII.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

NAMES.	APPOINTMENT.	Years in A.M.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Ambrose, J. C.....	Highland	2	Rainsboro.....	Highland.
Arthur, R. A.....	Superannuated .....	...	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Aultman, D. L....	Bowersville.....	1	Bowersville.....	Greene.
Bail, J. T.....	Hillsboro District.....	1	Hillsboro.....	Highland.
Baker, M. G.....	Union.....	2	Bellbrook.....	Greene.
Baker, D. R.....	West Union and Asbury	1	Groesbeck.....	Hamilton.
Baker, W. J.....	Amelia	1	Amelia	Clermont.
Barton, J.....	Asylum .....	...	Dayton	Montgomery
Beall, A. U.	Monroe.....	1	Monroe.....	Butler.
Bennett, S....	Madisonville.....	2	Madisonville.....	Hamilton.
Black, J. G.....	New Carlisle.....	2	New Carlisle.....	Clarke.
Bontecou, J. C....	Superannuated .....	...	Xenia.....	Greene.
Bowers, A.....	Asbury.....	1	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Brewster, S. A....	Troy.....	1	Troy.....	Miami.
Brown, S.....	Superannuated .....	...	Xenia.....	Greene.
Brandriff, R.....	Superannuated .....	...	Piqua.....	Miami.
Brodbeck, W. N..	Grace.....	1	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Black, W. H.....	Pt. Union and Glendale	3	Springdale.....	Hamilton.
Boltin, J. C.....	North Bend.....	2	Cleves.....	Hamilton.
Boyer, W. M.....	Feesburg.. ..	2	Feesburg.....	Brown.
Burdsall, E.....	Seven-mile.....	1	Seven-mile	Butler.
Callahan, D.....	Superannuated .....	...	Hillsboro.....	Highland.
Callender, N.....	Superannuated .....	...	.....	.....
Carey, S. W.....	Red Lion & Springboro.	3	Springboro.....	Warren.
Cassett, J. W.....	Springfield District	2	Springfield	Clarke.
Chalfant, J. F....	Supernumerary .....	...	Springdale	Hamilton.
Clark, L.....	Hillsboro.....	2	Hillsboro.....	Highland.
Clayton, S. D.....	First Church.....	1	Urbana.....	Champaign.
Cheney, D. D.....	Fletcher	1	Fletcher	Miami.
Clemans, F. M....	King's Creek.....	1	Mutual.....	Champaign.
Cole, E. M.....	Sardinia	1	Sardinia	Brown.
Collett, T.....	Eaton.....	1	Eaton.....	Preble.
Conrey, J. F.....	Winton Place.....	1	Winton Place.....	Hamilton.
Conrey, S. F.....	King's Creek.....	1	Mutual	Champaign.
Cramer, M. J.....	Supernumerary.....	...	Copenhagen	Denmark.
Crum, G. C.....	Trinity	1	Xenia.....	Greene.
Crum, C. T.....	Concord	3	Concord	Montgomery
Cranston, E.....	Trinity	1	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Dart, G. H.....	Second Church.....	3	Urbana.....	Champaign.
Davis, L. M.....	Amelia.....	1	Amelia	Clermont.
Davis, J. H.....	Butlerville.....	1	Butlerville.....	Warren.

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NAMES.	APPOINTMENT.	Yrs in Apt.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Davis, F. S.....	Union.....	1	Spring Valley.....	Greene.
Dimmick, B. F..	Morrow.....	2	Morrow.....	Warren.
Deem, J. C.....	Superannuated .....	...	Christiansburg.....	Champaign.
Deem, R. K.....	Bethany	1	Bethany	Butler.
Dustin, M.....	Miamisburg.....	3	Miamisburg.....	Montgomery
Drees, C. W.....	Missionary.....	...	Puebla.....	Mexico.
Edgar, G. M.....	New Lexington.....	1	Highland	Highland.
Edmiston, S. W..	Winchester.....	3	Winchester	Adams.
Ellsworth, J. B..	Addison	1	Christiansburg	Clarke.
Ellsworth, W. I..	Superannuated .....	...	Springfield.....	Clarke.
Euans, T. J.....	Moscow.....	1	Moscow.....	Clermont.
Easton, J. A.....	New Burlington.....	1	New Burlington....	Clinton.
Eastman, F.....	S. Lebanon and Zoar....	1	South Lebanon.....	Warren.
Fee, G. W.....	Supernumerary .....	...	Laurel.....	Brown.
Fee, W. I.....	Wesley	3	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Ferguson, C.....	Waynesville	2	Waynesville	Warren.
Field, E. H.....	Superannuated .....	...	St. Paris.....	Champaign.
Fiddler, T. E.....	Tremont.....	1	Westville	Champaign.
Fitzgerald, Wm..	Goshen	1	Goshen.....	Clermont.
Gaddis, M. P.....	Supernumerary .....	...	Yellow Springs.....	Greene.
Glasscock, B.....	Superannuated .....	...	Hillsboro.....	Highland.
Gaddis, J. W.....	Columbia.....	1	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Gowdy, C. F....	Tippecanoe.....	2	Tippecanoe City....	Miami.
Gregg, J. L.....	Decatur.....	2	Decatur.....	Brown.
Griffith, A. M....	Old Town.....	2	Yellow Springs.....	Greene.
Hamilton, A.....	New Richmond.....	1	New Richmond.....	Clermont.
Harris, T. J.....	Hamilton	3	Hamilton	Butler.
Hayward, D. L...	Highland	1	Rainsboro.....	Highland.
Herr, Wm.....	Bible Superintendent....	...	Dayton.....	Montgomery
Hill, J. J.....	New Paris.....	2	New Paris	Preble.
Hines, W. E.....	Superannuated .....	...	Williamsburg	Clermont.
Hull, J. F.....	Fair Haven & Sug. Val.	1	Fair Haven.....	Preble.
Hypes, F.....	Boston	1	Boston.....	Clermont.
Hunter, J. R.....	Sinking Springs.....	2	Sinking Springs....	Highland.
Hammel, G. M...	Cummins ville.....	1	Cummins ville.....	Hamilton.
Higgins, A. E....	West Union.....	1	West Union.....	Adams.
Irvin, J. N.....	Lebanon.....	1	Lebanon.....	Warren.
Jackson, W. B...	New Burlington.....	1	New Burlington....	Clinton.
Jackson, W. P...	Decatur.....	1	Decatur.....	Brown.
James, E. P.....	Laurel.....	1	Laurel.....	Brown.
Kalbfus, C.....	Venice.....	1	Ross.....	Hamilton.
Kalbfus, C. H....	Miami.....	3	Sharonville.....	Hamilton.
Kauffman, M.....	Mechanicsburg	1	Mechanicsburg.....	Champaign.
Kelley, G. W.....	Franklin.....	1	Franklin.....	Warren.
Keck, H. M.....	Felicity	3	Felicity	Clermont.
Kemper, D.....	Superannuated .....	...	Lebanon.....	Warren.
Kennedy, G. H...	Fairfield.....	2	Fairfield.....	Greene.
Ketcham, C. W...	West Cincinnati Dist....	2	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Kugler, M.....	Cheviot.....	1	Cheviot.....	Hamilton.

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Lawton, C. H.....	Jasper	1	New Jasper Mills...	Greene.
Lawder, W. H ...	Supernumerary.....	...	Hamilton	Butler.
Lee, T.....	Union Bethel.....	8	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Leonard, A. B....	Walnut Hills.....	2	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Lowrey, A.....	Supernumerary.....	...	Philadelphia.....	Penn.
Loyd, J. F.....	North Lewisburg.....	1	North Lewisburg...	Champaign.
Leas, J. H.....	Batavia	1	Batavia	Clermont.
Maddy, J. C.....	Superannuated ...	...	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Marlay, J. F.....	Green street.....	...	Piqua	Miami.
Mason, J. W.....	Jamestown	2	Jamestown.....	Greene.
Mathews, J. M'D.	Hillsboro College.....	...	Hillsboro.....	Highland.
Maxey, W. N....	Superannuated .....	...	Russell's Station....	Highland.
M'Cabe, L. D.....	Prof. in O. Wes. Univ..	...	Delaware.....	Delaware.
M'Colm, J. F.....	Feesburg	2	Feesburg.....	Brown.
Meharry, A.....	Supernumerary .....	...	Eaton.....	Preble.
M'Donald, N.....	Superannuated .....	...	Laurel.....	Clermont.
M'Hugh, E.....	M'Kendree.....	1	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Middleton, J. H..	Clarksville.....	3	Clarksville.....	Clinton.
Middleton, H. C..	Loveland and Mainville	3	Loveland.....	Clermont.
Miller, H.....	Williamsburg	3	Williamsburg	Clermont.
Mitchell, F. G....	Greenfield.....	3	Greenfield.....	Highland.
M'Mullen, W. T.	Marathon.....	3	Marathon.....	Clermont.
Moler, W. B.....	South Charleston.....	2	South Charleston...	Clarke.
Mappin, W. F....	Bethel.....	1	Bethel.....	Clermont.
Moore, D. H.....	Pres. Cin. Wes. College.	1	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Moody, G.....	Ripley District	3	Ripley	Brown.
Murphy, A.....	Superannuated .....	...	New Carlisle.....	Clarke.
Murray, J.....	Christie.....	2	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Marsh, S. N.....	Manchester.....	1	Manchester	Adams.
Mahon, W.....	Butlerville.	1	Butlerville.....	Warren.
Maddox, A. D....	Lynchburg.....	1	Lynchburg.....	Highland.
Nine, J. P.....	Sears and Ebenezer....	1	Dayton.....	Montgomery
Ogden, P. A.....	Supernumerary.....	...	Sidney	Shelby.
Peak, T. D. W...	Milford.....	1	Milford.....	Clermont.
Pearne, T. H.....	Grace.....	2	Dayton.....	Montgomery
Payne, C. H.....	St. Paul.....	2	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Pearson, J.....	St. Paris and Lena.....	2	St. Paris.....	Champaign.
Peregrine, J. S...	Supernumerary.....	...	Winona.....	Minnesota.
Phillips, T. A. G.	Superannuated .....	...	Springboro.....	Warren.
Porter, J. P.....	Georgetown.....	2	Georgetown.....	Clermont.
Pumphrey, J. S...	Camden	2	Camden.....	Preble.
Prince, N.....	Addison	1	Christiansburg.....	Champaign.
Parrott, G. W....	Supernumerary.....	...	Dayton.....	Montgomery
Quarry, W. J....	West Union.....	2	West Union.....	Adams.
Raleigh, A. D....	Leesburg.....	1	Leesburg.....	Highland.
Richards, M. A...	First Church.....	2	Xenia.....	Greene.
Robinson, W. A...	Raper	2	Dayton.....	Montgomery
Robinson, J. M...	Moorefield	1	Moorefield	Clarke.
Runyan, W.....	St. John's.....	1	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Rust, R. S.....	Sec. F. A. Society	Cincinnati	Hamilton.

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Reeder, J. A.....	Superannuated	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Roberts, J. H.....	Missionary	Las Cruces.....	New Mexico.
Stokes, H.....	Centenary.....	1	Mulberry.....	Clermont.
Sargent, D. H....	Superannuated .....	...	Lebanon.....	Warren.
Shannon, W. Q....	Grace.....	1	Piqua.....	Miami.
Shultz, J. P.....	Yellow Springs.....	1	Yellow Springs....	Greene.
Shultz, J. M'K....	Lewisburg	1	Brookville.....	Montgomery
Short, J. T.....	Supernumerary.....	...	.....	.....
Smith, S. B.....	High-street.....	1	Springfield.....	Clarke.
Smith, R. E.....	Mt. Washington.....	1	Mt. Washington....	Hamilton.
Smith, E. C.....	Camp Dennison.....	1	Camp Dennison....	Clermont.
Smith, W. H.....	East Liberty.....	1	East Liberty.....	Logan.
Spahr, A. N....	York-street.....	3	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Starr, D. J.....	Lockland.....	1	Lockland.....	Hamilton.
Stephenson, J.....	Dayton District.....	1	Dayton.....	Montgomery
Sutherland, W. H	Middletown.....	1	Middletown.....	Butler.
Sutherland, J. W.	Supernumerary.....	1	Boston.....	Mass.
Seutman, J. E. H.	Miami.....	1	Sharonville... ..	Hamilton.
Tibbits, A. W....	Mingo and Tabor.....	1	Mingo.....	Champaign.
Travis, G. L.....	Winchester & Germant'n	3	Germantown.....	Montgomery
Tuckley, H.....	Hartwell and Carthage..	2	Hartwell.....	Hamilton.
Vance, J.....	Laurel.....	1	Laurel.....	Clermont.
Vance, D. C.....	Oxford.....	3	Oxford.....	Butler.
Verity, J.....	Fairmount	1	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Van Cleve, L. F..	Wilmington.....	2	Wilmington.....	Clinton.
Walden, J. M....	Book Agent.....	...	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Warnock, D.....	Superannuated .....	...	Urbana.....	Champaign.
Weakley, J. W....	East Pearl-street.....	1	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Wright, J. F.....	Superannuated .....	...	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Weaver, G. T....	Catawba.....	1	Catawba.....	Clarke.
Webster, W.....	Superannuated .....	...	South Charleston....	Clarke.
Weeks, S.....	Ripley	3	Ripley	Brown.
Wells, E. T.....	Central.....	2	Springfield.....	Clarke.
Wells, C. J.....	Lockington.....	2	Lockington.....	Shelby.
Whitmer, D.....	Lynchburg.....	2	Lynchburg.....	Highland.
Whitney, J. S....	Finley.....	1	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Williams, W. N..	Davisson	3	Dayton.....	Montgomery
Wilson, J.....	Harrison	1	Harrison	Hamilton.
Young, Wm.	M'Lean	2	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Young, L. F.....	Sinking Springs.....	1	Sinking Springs....	Highland.
Zink, M. P.....	Cedarville.....	1	Cedarville.....	Greene.

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W. D. PHILLIPS, Cincinnati, Hamilton co., O.
 GEORGE S. EASTON, Cincinnati, Hamilton co., O.
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 L. W. WOLFF, Cincinnati, Hamilton co., O.
 P. R. BAKER, Cincinnati, Hamilton co., Ohio.
 ROBERT ASKEW, Cincinnati, Hamilton co., O.
 DANIEL DEGRAW, (L. E.) Cincinnati, Hamilton co., O.
 W. H. S. EWELL, (L. D.) Cincinnati, Hamilton co., O.
 H. GALLIMORE, Cincinnati, Hamilton co., O.
 C. W. ROWLAND, Cincinnati, Hamilton co., O.
 JEREMIAH ENGLE, Cincinnati, Hamilton co., O.
 J. B. TOPE, Cincinnati, Hamilton co., Ohio.
 ADAM SELLERS, (L. E.) Lebanon, Warren co., O.
 EMERY B. THOMPSON, (L. D.) Sharonville, Hamilton co., O.
 THOMAS STEWART, Sharonville, Hamilton co., O.
 JOHN MAULSBURY, (L. E.) Montgomery, Hamilton co., O.
 ROBERT REEVES, Burlington, Clinton co., O.
 C. C. SHALLCROSS, Mt. Washington, Hamilton co., O.
 F. B. MILES, Milford, Clermont co., O.
 WILLIAM G. SMITH, (L. E.) Waynesville, Warren co., O.
 JOHN HAUCK, Waynesville, Warren co., O.
 H. W. LEVER, (L. E.) Miamiville, Clermont co., O.
 H. WRIGHT, (L. E.) Pleasant Ridge, Hamilton co., O.

JAS. ACOMB, Pleasant Ridge, Hamilton co., O.
 GEORGE SHATTERLY, Goshen, Clermont co., O.
 SAMUEL HILL, (L. E.) Stonelick, Clermont co., O.
 BENJ. F. GARLAND, (L. D.) Milford, Clermont co., O.
 F. A. M'CORMACK, Belfast, Clermont co., O.
 HEZEKIAH HILL, Owensville, Clermont co., O.
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 A. M'LAIN, Xenia, Greene co., O.
 J. H. POWERS, Cincinnati, Hamilton co., O.

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B. ROBINSON, Cincinnati, Hamilton co., O.
 JAMES CUNNING, Cincinnati, Hamilton co., O.
 B. E. TAYLOR, Cincinnati, Hamilton co., O.
 T. V. BROWN, (L. E.) Cincinnati, Hamilton co., O.
 A. LONG, (L. E.) Cincinnati, Hamilton co., O.
 A. R. M'COMAS, Cincinnati, Hamilton co., O.
 Z. GETCHELL, Cincinnati, Hamilton co., O.
 J. F. FORBUS, (L. E.) Cincinnati, Hamilton co., O.
 J. W. HOPKINS, (L. E.) Cincinnati, Hamilton co., O.
 ALEX. SCOTT, Cincinnati, Hamilton co., O.
 R. VIGEON, Cincinnati, Hamilton co., Ohio.
 I. C. GARRISON, Cheviot, Hamilton co., O.
 J. P. WATERHOUSE, (L. E.) Bevis, Hamilton co., O.
 A. W. KEELING, (L. D.) Dunlap, Hamilton co., O.
 CHARLES WEST, (L. D.) Wood's Station, Butler co., O.

W. LOGUE, Somerville, Hamilton co., Ohio.
 HIRAM JOHNSON, (L. D.) Eaton, Preble co., O.
 THOMAS LYNN, Cleves, Hamilton co., Ohio.
 J. H. MATSON, Cleves, Hamilton co., Ohio.
 WM. M'CORD, (L. E.) Oxford, Butler co., O.
 L. E. GRENNAN, Oxford, Butler co., O.
 W. W. LOCKE, (L. D.) Lockland, Hamilton co., O.
 JESSE SIMONSON, (L. E.) Sugar Valley, Preble co., O.
 JOHN M'CLUNG, (L. D.) Bethany, Butler co., O.

Springfield District.

C. H. AUSTIN, (L. D.) East Liberty, Logan co., O.
 JOHN O. ATKINSON, Selma, Greene co., Ohio.
 A. BUMGARDNER, Catawba, Clarke co., Ohio.
 J. D. BELT, Spring Valley, Greene co., Ohio.
 SAMUEL COCHRAN, (L. D.) Springfield, Clarke co., O.
 T. D. CROW, (L. E.) Urbana, Champaign co., O.
 A. N. CURT, (L. D.) West Mansfield, Logan co., O.
 A. C. DEUEL, (L. E.) Urbana, Champaign co., O.
 D. W. DELAY, South Charleston, Clarke co., O.
 J. W. DUDLEY, Springfield, Clarke co., O.
 J. W. GUNN, (L. E.) Springfield, Clarke co., O.
 B. W. GEHMAN, (L. D.) Urbana, Champaign co., O.
 WM. GRAHAM, Cabetown, Champaign co., O.
 J. W. HITT, (L. E.) Urbana, Champaign co., O.
 WM. HALLER, (L. D.) Urbana, Champaign co., O.
 J. L. HAWK, Mutual, Champaign co., Ohio.
 B. F. JANUARY, Cedarville, Greene co., O.
 EMOR KIMBER, Urbana, Champaign co., O.
 WESLEY MILBURN, North Lewisburg, Clarke co., O.
 B. MILLER, (L. E.) Springfield, Clarke co., O.

JOHN MISKEY, (L. E.) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
 S. OWENS, (L. E.) Springfield, Clarke co., O.
 D. H. BEARDALL, (L. E.) Mechanicsburg, Champaign co., O.
 J. W. SMITH, (L. E.) Urbana, Champaign co., O.
 Wm. Sampson, (L. D.) Urbana, Champaign co., O.
 GIDEON SPAHR, Cedarville, Greene co., O.
 JACOB C. SMITH, (L. E.) Xenia, Greene co., O.
 JACOB SHAUEN, Urbana, Champaign co., O.
 E. TULLEYS, (L. E.) Yellow Springs, Greene co., O.
 TIMOTHY WONES, (L. E.) Springfield, Clarke co., O.
 G. W. WINANS, Springfield, Clarke co., O.
 WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Mechanicsburg, Champaign co., O.
 D. H. RANDALL, (L. E.) Mechanicsburg, Champaign co., O.
 J. W. READING, (L. E.) Catawba, Clarke co., O.

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THOMAS OWENS, West Charleston, Miami co., O.
 J. P. NINE, Casstown, Miami co., O.
 L. SCOTT, Dayton, Montgomery co., O.
 H. VAUGHN, Dayton, Montgomery co., O.
 DEMOREST SMITH, Dayton, Montgomery co., O.
 J. POWERS, Owensburg, Owen co., Ky.
 A. L. HARN, (L. E.) Brookville, Montgomery co., O.
 L. F. THOMAS, Gordon, Darke co., O.
 W. R. WONES, Fletcher, Greene co., Ohio.
 E. H. HOPKINS, (L. D.) St. Paris, Champaign co., O.
 A. JORDAN, St. Paris, Champaign co., Ohio.
 A. L. BRECOUNT, Conover, Miami co., Ohio.
 D. R. STALEY, Dayton, Montgomery co., O.
 W. B. BOLING, (L. E.) Osborne, Greene co., O.
 J. RUSSELL, Lockington, Shelby co., Ohio.
 A. N. BARLOW, Osborne, Greene co., Ohio.
 W. T. HILL, (L. D.) Enon, Clarke co., Ohio.

J. S. HOPKINS, (L. D.) Springboro, Warren co., O.
 S. H. ELLIS, Springboro, Warren co., Ohio.
 J. A. CASTLE, (L. D.) Piqua, Miami co., O.
 R. MORRIS, (L. D.) Springfield, Clarke co., O.
 JAS. BLACKBURN, Middletown, Butler co., O.
 D. STALEY, Franklin, Warren co., O.
 N. HORNADAY, (L. D.) West Elkton, Preble co., O.
 JAS. OVERPECK, Gratis, Preble co., O.
 JAS. MANNING, (L. E.) Dayton, Montgomery co., O.
 JAS. ROSZELL, (L. D.) Tippecanoe, Miami co., O.
 J. H. PAINE, Middletown, Butler co., Ohio.
 DR. M'GIFFIN, Casstown, Miami co., Ohio.

Hillsboro District.

JAS. H. THOMPSON, Newtonville, Clermont co., O.
 D. WRIGHT, (L. E.) Highland, Highland co., O.
 C. C. BOWERS, (L. D.) New Vienna, Clinton co., O.
 W. S. HOUGH, Leesburg, Highland co., Ohio.
 M. H. CHENEY, (L. D.) East Monroe, Highland co., O.
 WM. HOLMES, (L. D.) Memphis, Clinton co., O.
 I. H. DE BRUIN, (L. E.) Scotts, Adams co., O.
 R. RAMSEY, (L. D.) Scotts, Adams co., Ohio.
 L. BURBA, (L. D.) Emerald, Adams co., O.
 H. SIDWELL, (L. D.) Russellville, Brown co., O.
 W. FENTON, Scotts, Adams co., O.
 ADDISON HITE, (L. E.) Sinking Springs, Highland co., O.
 EDWARD EASTON, (L. E.) Sinking Springs, Highland co., O.
 WM. M'C. ELLIOTT, (L. E.) Sinking Springs, Highland co., O.
 DANIEL GRIFFITH, Bell, Highland co., Ohio.
 HENLEY BROWN, May Hill, Adams co., O.
 MARTIN REDKEY, Rainsboro, Highland co., O.
 WM. GRIFFITH, Marshall, Highland co., O.

G. MURPHY, Marshall, Highland co., Ohio.
 JOHN DAVIS, Rainsboro, Highland co., Ohio.
 JOHN MANKEB, Sardinia, Brown co., Ohio.
 THOMAS L. BEARD, Sugar-tree Ridge, Highland co., O.
 ROBERT FULTON, (L. D.) Lynchburg, Highland co., O.
 J. CADWALLADER, (L. D.) Lynchburg, Highland co., O.
 J. W. OLDACRE, Russell's Station, Highland co., O.
 SAMUEL ANDERSON, (L. D.) Snow Hill, Clinton co., O.
 THOS. LOYD, (L. D.) Hillsboro, Highland co., O.
 SAMUEL MAINS, (L. D.) Greenfield, Highland co., O.
 ROBERT STORY, (L. E.) Bowersville, Greene co., O.
 B. S. STEWART, Bowersville, Greene co., O.
 C. S. PERKINS, Bowersville, Greene co., O.
 JACOB JOHNSON, Bowersville, Greene co., O.
 ELISHA PARKER, Wilmington, Clinton co., O.
 JOHN W. JOHNSON, South Plymouth, Fayette co., O.
 S. S. AUSTIN, (L. D.) Clarksville, Clinton co., O.
 D. S. AUSTIN, (L. D.) Clarksville, Clinton co., O.
 G. M. MORROW, Clarksville, Clinton co., O.
 THOS. BEHYMER, Martinsville, Clinton co., O.
 AMOS COWGILL, Martinsville, Clinton co., O.

Ripley District.

D. H. GADDIS, (L. D.) Ripley, Brown co., O.
 O. C. ROSS, Ripley, Brown co., O.
 D. DAILY, Ripley, Brown co., O.
 GEO. MINEAUGH, Ripley, Brown co., Ohio.
 W. S. BARBER, Felicity, Clermont co., Ohio.
 PHIL'DER MOORE, Georgetown, Brown co., O.
 T. C. GOWDY, New Richmond, Clermont co., O.
 W. R. PRICE, (L. E.) Laurel, Clermont co., O.

J. P. BLOOMHUFF, (L. D.) Bradyville,
Adams co., O.

TYRA MADDOX, Hiatt, Brown co., O.

G. W. HARDING, (L. E.) Manchester,
Adams co., O.

J. M'MATH, Moscow, Clermont co., O.

E. COX, Point Pleasant, Clermont co.,
Ohio.

J. COTHOUSE, (L. E.) Mt. Pisgah,
Clermont co., O.

A. S. M'LAIN, (L. E.) Laurel, Cler-
mont co., O.

WM. FEE, Laurel, Clermont co., O.

N. DAILY, (L. E.) Bantam, Clermont
co. O.

S. WEST, (L. E.) Olive Branch, Cler-
mont co., O.

L. SWARTZ, Mt. Carmel, Clermont co.,
Ohio.

JOHN GEST, Withamsville, Clermont
co., O.

JOHN BURNAUGH, Amelia, Clermont
co., O.

CHARLES ROBINSON, Batavia, Cler-
mont co., O.

E. ZIMMERMAN, (L. E.) Williamsburg,
Clermont co., O.

J. R. LONG, De La Palma, Brown co., O.

THOS. SWEET, Marathon, Clermont
co., O.

J. F. ROPE, Marathon, Clermont co.,
Ohio.

JOHN BURDSALL, Marathon, Clermont
co., O.

THOMAS GRANGE, Bethel, Clermont
co., O.

THOMAS M'MILLEN, Bethel, Clermont
co., O.

GEORGE SWING, Bethel, Clermont co.,
Ohio.

JOHN DURHAM, Bethel, Clermont co.,
Ohio.

H. S. REYNOLDS, Bethel, Clermont co.,
Ohio.

E. C. DALE, Bethel, Clermont co.,
Ohio.

J. C. STIVES, Hamersville, Brown co.,
Ohio.

WM. WEEKS, Mt. Orab, Brown co.,
Ohio.

HENRY SIDWELL, Mt. Orab, Brown
co., O.

WM. M'NEILSON, West Union, Adams
co., O.

SAMUEL HOROMAN, Dunkerville, Ad-
ams co., O.

S. J. M'ADAMS, Dunbarton, Adams
co., O.

D. A. M'COLM, Wagner's Ripple, Ad-
ams co., O.

IX.

MINUTES OF THE LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

THE CINCINNATI ELECTORAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in St. Paul Church, Cincinnati, September 3, 1875, at 10.30 A. M., and was called to order by Harvey De Camp, Esq.

On motion, the Hon. H. Elliott was chosen Chairman *pro tem.*, and John D. Stine Secretary *pro tem.*

The Conference was opened with singing and prayer.

On motion, a Committee on Credentials of one from each district was chosen, as follows: East Cincinnati District, J. H. Laws; West Cincinnati District, J. T. Johnson; Dayton District, Thomas Brown; Springfield District, B. W. Gehman; Hillsboro District, D. M. Barrett; Ripley District, John F. Games.

On motion, a Committee on Permanent Organization, of one from each district, was chosen, as follows: East Cincinnati District, A. S. Butterfield; West Cincinnati District, G. M. Flenner; Dayton District, ———; Springfield District, P. P. Mast; Hillsboro District, E. P. Johnson; Ripley District, James M'Math.

The Committee on Credentials was requested to call the roll and have credentials presented at the secretary's desk.

On motion, a Committee on Resolutions chosen.

Committee.—East Cincinnati District, M. Fryberger; West Cincinnati District, Z. Getchell, S. W. Williams; Dayton District, W. W. Wood; Springfield District, B. W. Gehman, W. R. Warnock; Hillsboro District, D. M. Barrett; Ripley District, John F. Games.

On motion, all resolutions were ordered to be referred to the Committee on Resolutions without debate.

The order of business was referred to the Committee on Organization.

The Conference adjourned to 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 2 P. M., and was opened with singing and prayer.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

List of Delegates.

EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.		
Wesley Chapel.....	Jos. F. Larkin.	Camp Dennison.... W. W. Highlands.
Lebanon.....	Geo. W. Hunt.	Goshen..... Moses Fryberger.
Milford.....	A. H. Matson.	Trinity..... Jas. H. Laws.
Centenary.....	F. A. M'Cormick.	Asbury..... Henry Thorp.
Mt. Washington....	L. H. Swormstedt.	Pearl-street..... Jas. A. Darby.
Madisonville.....	A. S. Butterfield.	Walnut Hills..... J. C. Brooke.
Avondale.....	J. W. Dale.	Waynesville..... Amos Sellers.
Loveland and Maineville..	Benj. Tufts.	New Burlington..... Henry A. Smart.
		Xenia: (Trinity)..... John D. Stine.
		First Church..... Tobias Drees.

South Lebanon and Zoar.....
 Mt. Auburn.....John L. Whetstone
 M'Kendree
 Morrow.....James M' Math
 Miami Circuit.....Jasper Rose
 Pendleton and Columbia....B. Merritt

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

St. Paul.....Harvey DeCamp
 St. John's.....H. B. Patterson
 Christie.....John T. Johnson
 Finley.....Z. Getchell
 York-street.....C. O. Edwards
 M'Lean.....Thomas Palmer
 Fairmount.....Dr. W. Segar
 Cummins ville and West Union..Dr. J.
 P. Waterhouse.
 Winton Place.....S. W. Williams
 Hartwell and Carthage.Smith Stimmel
 Lockland.....Thomas Fox
 Pt. Union and Glendale, J. D. Spellman
 CheviotJas. N. Gamble
 Bethany.....J. V. Walk
 Hamilton.....G. M. Flenner
 Oxford.....C. Jackson
 Venice.....Walter DeCamp
 Harrison.....J. W. Bowlby
 North Bend.....P. C. Hill
 Eaton.....Andrew Kauffman
 Camden.....James Hardin
 Macedonia.....F. F. Raikes
 Seven Mile.....B. Starr
 New Paris.....Dr. D. Lash
 Fair Haven and Sugar Valley..

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Grace Church.....Thomas Brown
 Raper.....H. Elliott
 Sears-street.....W. B. Poling
 Davisson.....
 Troy: Mulberry and Franklin-street..S.
 A. Cames.
 Tippecanoe.....D. Royse
 Addison.....Dr. J. Thacker
 Concord.....Samuel Crow
 Lewisburg.....E. Post
 Winchester and Germantown.....N.
 Hornaday.
 Green-streetW. W. Wood
 Grace Church.....J. S. Morris
 Lockington
 Fletcher.....J. P. Nine
 St. Paris and Lena.....S. H. Stockton
 Brant.....Louis French
 Miamisburg.....
 Franklin.....E. B. Thirkield
 Red Lion and Springboro...B. F. Gel-
 laher.

J. H. LAWS,
 J. F. JOHNSON,

B. W. GEHMAN,
 D. M. BARRETT,

Fairfield.....
 New Carlisle.....
 Middletown.....W. S. Marshall
 Monroe.....Wm. Magie.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Springfield: Central Church.P. P. Mast.
 High-street.....James W. Gunn.
 Urbana: First Church..W. R. Warnock.
 Second Church.....W. W. Wilson.
 King's Creek.....B. W. Gehman.
 Mingo and Tabor.....
 North Lewisburg.....
 East Liberty.....Abner N. Curl.
 Tremont.....
 Mechanicsburg.....
 Catawba.....Isaac Fox.
 Moorefield.....D. W. Rawlings.
 South Charleston.....A. F. Taft.
 Yellow Springs.....Wm. Runyan.
 Old Town.....J. W. Dudley.
 Jamestown.....C. H. Spahr
 Cedarville.....Gideon Spahr.
 Union.....
 Merrittstown.....

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Hillsboro.....W. M. Meek.
 Greenfield.....
 New Lexington.....E. P. Johnson.
 Highland.....D. M. Barrett.
 Sinking Springs...P. N. Wickersham.
 Wilmington.....C. C. Nichols.
 Bowersville.....Robert Story.
 Clarksville.....
 Lynchburg.....Egbert Boatwright.
 Sardinia.....Thos. L. Beard.
 Winchester.....S. Burbe.
 Butlerville.....J. W. Thompson.
 Samantha.....

RIPLEY DISTRICT.

Ripley.....Wm. L. Mockbee.
 Felicity.....Price T. Fee.
 Georgetown.....Philander S. Moore.
 New Richmond.....E. T. Rusk.
 Decatur.....John F. Games.
 Manchester.....J. H. Foster.
 Moscow.....
 Laurel.....F. O. Rich.
 Amelia.....E. G. Ricker.
 Batavia.....C. Robinson.
 Williamsburg.....G. A. M'Nutt.
 Marathon.....J. W. Burdsall.
 Bethel.....T. M. Leeds.
 Feesburg.....James Cochran.
 West Union.....D. A. M'Colm.

THOMAS BROWN,
 JOHN F. GAMES.

The Committee on Permanent Organization reported as follows:

For President—Judge Wm. M. Meek.

Secretary—Wm. S. Marshall.

Vice-Presidents—J. W. Dale, East Cincinnati District; Professor B. Starr, West Cincinnati District; P. N. Wickersham, Hillsboro District; W. L. Mockbee, Ripley District; B. H. Gehman, Springfield District; L. D. Thirkield, Dayton District.

Your Committee suggest the following as the order of business:

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Report of Committee on Resolutions.
3. Election of delegates.
4. That the nominations be made *viva voce*.
5. That the election be by ballot; that after the second ballot the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes be dropped after each ballot, and that the balloting continue until an election be made by a majority of the votes cast.
6. That the election of alternates be made in the same manner as the principals.

P. P. MAST, *Chairman*.

G. M. FLENNER, *Secretary*.

Wm. S. Marshall declining to serve as Secretary, John D. Stine was chosen unanimously, and,

On motion, J. P. Waterhouse was chosen Assistant Secretary.

Conference proceeded to the election of delegates to General Conference.

Brothers Chambers, Rowland, Meek, Drees, Mast, Warnock, Harvey DeCamp, and Edwards were nominated.

On the second ballot, C. W. Rowland was elected delegate.

On the fifth ballot, W. R. Warnock was elected delegate.

Jacob Chambers was elected alternate for W. R. Warnock, and Wm. M. Meek was elected alternate for C. W. Rowland.

On motion, the Conference adjourned to 8.30 A. M., to-morrow.

8.30 A. M., SEPTEMBER 4, 1875.

THE Conference met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with singing and prayer.

The Secretaries were ordered to procure a book in which to record the proceedings of this body; and, with brothers Starr and Williams, to obtain Minutes of last Conference.

On motion, ordered that the Conference Record be deposited with the Secretary of the Cincinnati Conference.

On motion, the Secretary of the Cincinnati Conference is requested to publish the Minutes of this Conference with the Minutes of the Cincinnati Conference.

Brothers Elliott and Brooke were appointed to convey the greetings of this Conference to the Cincinnati Conference.

Dr. Walden presented the compliments of the Cincinnati Conference, and informed the Electoral Conference that the Cincinnati Conference would be pleased to receive the Electoral Conference at such time as would suit its convenience.

On motion, the invitation was accepted, and 11.15 this morning selected, as the hour to visit the Cincinnati Conference.

The Committee on Resolutions read their report.

J. H. Laws presented resolutions which were adopted as a substitute for the Report of the Committee.

On motion, certain members were granted the privilege of entering their protest to the adoption of the above resolutions.

On motion, the Conference voted that when it adjourned it be to 2 P. M.

The Conference then went in a body to pay its respects to the Cincinnati Conference, in session at Trinity Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 2 P. M., and was opened with singing and prayer.

A motion was made to reconsider the adoption of the resolutions presented by Jas. H. Laws, and, no one objecting, the motion was entertained and the motion prevailed.

On motion, the resolutions were taken up singly, and the first, second, fourth, and fifth were adopted.

On motion, the resolutions as amended were adopted.

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED BY J. H. LAWS, AS AMENDED.

Resolved, 1. That the power and efficiency for good of the lay members of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be realized only by their admission to membership in the Annual Conferences of the Church.

Resolved, 2. That the Presiding Elders should be elected by the Annual Conferences constituted as above.

Resolved, 3. That the Presiding Elders' Districts should be arranged by the Bishop, subject to the approval of the Conference.

Resolved, 4. That the lay delegates representing this Conference, in the ensuing General Conference, be requested to take such action as may be necessary, to have the Discipline so changed as to meet these requirements.

A Collection amounting to three dollars and seventy cents was taken up, for the purpose of buying a Record Book.

On motion, the Conference voted to return its sincere thanks to the citizens of Cincinnati and the brethren of St. Paul Church, for their kindness and hospitality; and to the President of our Body, for the courtesy with which he has presided over our deliberations.

On motion, the Conference adjourned *sine die*, after singing the Doxology and receiving the benediction.

W. M. MEEK, *President*.

J. P. WATERHOUSE, *Assistant Secretary*.

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